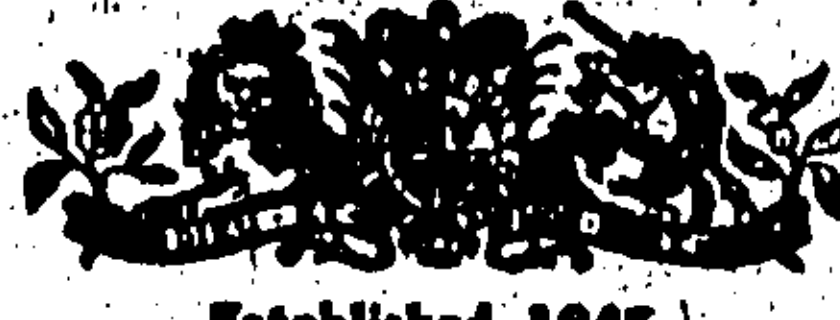


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IF discussions during the first six days of the Geneva conference have tended to be tedious, promising little in the way of progress, there is no suggestion yet from any of the four foreign ministers that the talks are in danger of foundering. This at least provides some cause for quiet satisfaction.

Nevertheless, it is idle to pretend that the so-called "Geneva spirit" created and fostered at the Big Four "summit" meeting last July, has yet animated the current foreign ministers' parleys. Neither side has to date rejected out of hand initial proposals for dealing with the various subjects on the agenda, but it must also be admitted that neither side has exhibited any enthusiasm for their differing viewpoints. The spirit of compromise and concession has yet to manifest itself.

Largely because Mr. Molotov has refused to consider the question of German unity parallel with that of European security, the Western delegates have displayed a chilling attitude to Russia's security plan. And whatever its merits, the scheme will probably forfeit approval because it leaves untouched the question of unifying Germany.

RUSSIA has said she will come along with proposals for Germany, but has so far made no effort to do so. Instead Mr. Molotov has permitted the East German government to take initiative and to submit to the conference a plan for unification. This probably is the Soviet conception of settling the German problem, deliberately introduced to the conference through the "back door" in order to sustain Mr. Molotov's determination not to discuss Germany until agreement has been reached on a European security pact.

The East German Government's proposals are typically adroit, and to the West, so obviously unacceptable. There is no mention of all-German free elections—a prerequisite so far as the Big Three are concerned. Instead it envisaged a consultative all-German Council empowered only to discuss a "step by step" rapprochement between East and West Germany.

IT is transparently clear that the prime objective of the proposals is to delay indefinitely reunification of Germany as a sovereign state administered by a democratically elected government. The plan highlights again Russia's thorough distaste for a free, unified Germany—an attitude governed by the knowledge that it is certain, so far as anything can be certain, that unification through free elections would mean the elimination of Communist control anywhere in the country.

The future of Germany remains the keypoint of the Geneva deliberations and on this subject alone hangs the success or failure of the conference. There is much in the European security plans submitted by both the West and Russia which can be dovetailed and made acceptable to both sides; there is considerable scope for agreeable compromise on co-existence ideas leading to freer intercourse between the nations of the free world and those behind the Iron Curtain. But if the East German government's proposals for reunification represent the Soviets' last word on the subject, the prospects of agreement must be considered nil.

# BIG THREE TO WARN MOLOTOV

## 'Modify Your Ideas Or...'

### He Saw Stars —And Thanked His Lucky Ones!

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 1. Lieutenant Mungell Paul of the 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment is lucky to be alive. For, while leading a Fijian patrol in jungle seven miles from Kilauea, a Japanese last week, he came face to face with a maddened bull elephant. The seven other elephants in the herd scattered. So did the patrol. But before the 24-year-old lieutenant from Suva could run, the bull elephant:

- Seized him in his trunk.
- Yanked him into the air.
- Flung him to the ground.
- Bashed him twice with his trunk as he lay prostrate.
- Attempted to stamp on him as he squirmed to safety.

The bull then broke off his attack and joined his herd. Lieutenant Paul is now in the British Military Hospital at Kluang "for observation only." His injuries? — a few bruises and a shaking. — China Mail Special.

### ASSEMBLY SAYS 'NO' TO FAURE

Paris, Nov. 1. The French National Assembly tonight refused to consider Government plans to revise the electoral system for the next election. Voting was 459 to 145. The Premier M. Edgar Faure today asked the National Assembly for a constitutional vote of confidence on his bill aimed at dissolving the Assembly on January 2. He said he asked for a vote of confidence because the Assembly has rejected all electoral systems proposed except the system of complete proportional representation. M. Faure said the application of this system was "impossible."

M. Faure said he will pose the confidence question on approval of his Assembly dissolution bill "without amendments or additions."

The bill calls for the Assembly to dissolve on January 2 instead of on the regular scheduled date of June 17. The confidence question will be put to a vote late tomorrow evening. — France-Press.

## ROYAL MARRIAGES ACT TO BE CHANGED? PREMIERS TO DECIDE

London, Nov. 1. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers are likely to consider amending the 1972 Royal Marriages Act—which would have been necessary had Princess Margaret decided to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend—when they meet in London next June, political quarters believe.

### AMEND RATHER THAN ABOLISH

But it is learned authoritatively that the British Government has not opened the question of the desirability of amending the Act with any other Commonwealth governments. Nor has it decided to raise the question at the conference.

Nor has it decided what amendment, if any, is desirable.

But the question could be raised by any of the Commonwealth Governments who acknowledge the Queen as head of the Commonwealth. It is believed that if there were any decision to revise the Royal Marriages Act it would involve considerable complications.

Constitutional authorities believe the Act contains some good provisions, as well as

## NO TALKS ON SOVIET PLAN

Geneva, Nov. 2. The West will tell Mr. V. M. Molotov today that unless he modifies his European security plan to permit Germany to be reunited, it will not even consider his projected 16-nation anti-aggression treaty.

The Western foreign ministers, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Britain, M. Antoine Pinay, France, and Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States, will again insist that German reunification must take place before European peace can be secured through a pact.

They will be commenting on the Soviet Foreign Minister's new plan tabled on Monday, when the Big Four conference resumes its session in the Palace of Nations. The conference did not meet yesterday. — All Saints Day.

Mr. Molotov has not yet tabled the proposals he has presented on German unity. But his security plan does not specify when Germany should be reunited. Neither did a memorandum sent by the East German Communist "observer" delegation to the four Foreign Ministers which, foretold the line Mr. Molotov is expected to take.

The East German proposals, which provide for an "all-German Council" of representatives from the East and West parliaments, were substantially the same as those put in the past and rejected by the West.

The proposed council's task would be to prepare for reunification step-by-step and to increase co-operation between the two German states.

### EAST GERMAN PLAN

The plan envisages eventual reunification in the form of a military neutral Germany from which all foreign troops would be withdrawn. It would have its own national army.

Communist sources said the plan was meant to dovetail with the two security schemes put by Mr. Molotov.

Experts of the three Western delegations met last night to analyse the latest Soviet proposal for a preliminary East-West security system of no fixed duration which would permit the Atlantic Pact and its Eastern counterpart, the Warsaw treaty, to remain intact. Previously, Mr. Molotov had demanded the dissolution of the two opposing groupings within two to three years.

The new Molotov plan took account of several Western objections to the earlier one and incorporated features of the two proposals for arms inspection and control which Sir Anthony Eden made at the "summit" conference last July. Western delegates said last night the Soviet Minister's scheme despite its less uncom-

## ROYAL MARRIAGES ACT TO BE CHANGED? PREMIERS TO DECIDE

others which are anachronistic. Any approach to it therefore would probably be to amend rather than abolish the Act. As the whole of the revision would have to be done in consultation with the Commonwealth governments, it would take a long time.

While controversy simmered in Press and Parliament over her decision to let duty override her love for Group Captain Peter Townsend, Princess Margaret played inside Clarence House today.

In the House of Commons a Labour member, Colonel Marcus Lipton, flayed the Royal Marriages Act as a "weapon of control" and spoke of the "personal ordeal" it involved.

**TOWNSEND LEAVES LONDON.**

Peter Townsend tried to find peace and forgetfulness in a country mansion 48 miles from London.

Shut off from reporters and photographers by a cordon of detectives, he strolled in the grounds of Uckfield House, Sussex, with his hostess, Lady Rupert Nevill. Then, in the late afternoon, he drove to nearby Bridge Castle, home of his friend, the Marquess of Abergavenny, and watched a children's dancing party—a normal Tuesday event at the castle for the children of the district. Lady Abergavenny came out of the castle to tell waiting reporters: "The Group Captain will be saving at Uckfield House for a few days, probably until the end of the week. He will be coming over here from time to time for tea or for a meal."

**'NO FUNNY BUSINESS'**

"I can promise you there is no funny business going on. All he wants is to be left alone and to have some peace and quiet."

The London Evening News tonight speculated that Group Captain Townsend might ask permission to resign his commission in the Royal Air Force.

About Princess Margaret there is speculation that a Commonwealth tour will soon be arranged for her.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, had his usual Tuesday audience with Queen Elizabeth tonight. It is believed the told her the Government would do all in its power to support Princess Margaret in any plans she might have for her future. — Reuters.

## SHOCKING DISASTER IN U.S.

### Plane Explodes In Mid-Air: 43 Killed

New York, Nov. 1. A four-engined United Airlines DC-6 exploded in the air eight miles east of Longmont, Colorado, tonight and police reported that all 43 people aboard were killed.

The airliner which was en route to Portland, Oregon, exploded with a flash seen over a large area around Longmont, police said.

Patrolman Earl Simmons of the Longmont Police Department said officers from his department had radioed back that nobody on board had survived.

Pieces of the plane were reported scattered over a half-mile area near the busy U.S. Highway 87, connecting Denver and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

### 'DID NOT CRASH'

Simmons said residents who telephoned the police immediately after hearing an explosion and seeing the flash, set the time of the explosion at 7 p.m., only 18 minutes after the airliner had taken off on the 1,070-mile flight from Denver to Portland.

Farmers in the area were emphatic that the plane had not crashed and that there had been an explosion in flight.

### America To cut aid To Asia

Washington, Nov. 1. Mr. John Hollister, Director of the International Co-operation Administration said today he planned to cut expenditure for United States foreign aid programmes to Asia and the rest of the world in 1957.

"I am now studying our programme for 1957 and am hopeful that we can reduce spending even if slightly over 1956," Mr. Hollister told a press conference.

Mr. Hollister returned to Washington at the week-end from a visit to nine nations in Asia which receive more than half of the total United States current spending of \$2,700 million in military and economic aid to 65 nations.

Mr. Hollister said any cut in foreign aid would be subject to high policy planning by President Eisenhower, the National Security Council or the State Department.

### NO LARGE CUT

The cut he envisaged would not be great, he said, so that his projected request for appropriations to Congress would not fall far short of last year's application.

Mr. Hollister made these further points at his press conference:

● Asia was still to be considered the most important part of the world in terms of aid spending.

● It was possible that increased aid emphasis might be laid on Middle Eastern countries.

● There was no great evidence of a Soviet attempt to launch a competitive economic aid programme in Asia.

● The United States would make a statement "very soon" on the site of the peace-time atomic reactor it has offered Southeast Asia under the Colombo Plan.

Mr. Hollister said "press reports that we have decided to build the atomic reactor in Ceylon are wrong."

He added that consultations were now taking place.

"There's no ideally situated country in which to build the reactor if you consider the necessary conditions such as ease of access, communications, political stability, threats of possible attack, and an existing educational system on which to base training of atomic technicians," — Reuters.

### Three Egyptians Killed

Jerusalem, Nov. 1. Three Egyptian commandos were killed today in a clash with an Israeli patrol inside Israeli territory 15 miles east of the Gaza strip, an Israeli military spokesman said here.

The three bodies will be handed over to Egypt through the United Nations truce organisation, the spokesman added.

Clashes in the Gaza strip last August and September were touched off by commando units which penetrated deep into Israeli territory. — Reuters.

### AEC Stage 'Accident'

### BUT A-BOMB DID NOT GO OFF

Las Vegas, Nov. 1. The Atomic Energy Commission today said, after it had completed its first test on the safety of nuclear devices, that a high explosive charge set off next to an atomic device failed to explode.

The AEC originally had issued a statement saying, "There was a detonation of a nuclear device." But a spokesman explained that what actually happened was that the high explosive was fired in connection with flammable materials which did not go off.

The Commission representative said the original statement gave the misleading impression that a nuclear device had been fired where the opposite was true—that a high explosive failed to set off the flammable material.

**NO FALLOUT**

The original statement had declared: "In a test today there was a detonation of a nuclear device. No fallout problem exists because there was no measurable nuclear detonation even though flammable materials were involved."

The safety experiments were set up to determine if theoretical safety of atomic weapons from accidental triggering could be proved in the field with actual explosion of small atomic charges.

The tests had been described by the AEC as "strictly routine" and involving only "minor" explosions.

The AEC had been concerned with the possibility of the accidental triggering of atomic devices as the U.S. stockpile of atomic weapons grows.

Even in advance of today's announcement, the AEC had said no radioactive fallout problem was anticipated. — United Press.

## Sporadic Outbreaks By Algerian Rebels

### BUT NO DEATHS REPORTED

Algiers, Nov. 1. Algerian nationalists went on strike in the cities, burned telephone poles on the highways and attacked French outposts in the outbreak today.

It was the first anniversary of the All Saints Day "Army of Allah" uprising in the rest- less French territory. But with 140,000 troops on the alert, there was no big demonstration and no deaths were reported.

In the big cities, a nationalist- incited general strike closed down most shops. Dockworkers walked out in Algiers, but shippers scraped up 237 extra stevedores to keep cargoes moving.

Small guerrilla bands attacked French outposts in the Kabylie and Aurès Mountains but were fought off with no deaths reported on either side.

### CHOPPED TREES

Terrorists chopped down trees and telephone poles and set them afire along Highway 26 from Algiers to the Kabylie region, disrupting telephone services.

In the year since the Army of Allah uprising, 3,000 persons have been killed, two-thirds of them nationalist fanatics and their sympathisers.

The French have doubled their forces in Algeria and the Government has announced a plan of political and land reforms to give discontented Algerians more freedom and a better life.

Security forces throughout Algeria were on the alert today one year after the territory-wide uprising. A few people were up with the dawn to visit local cemeteries. But most Algerians and Frenchmen went on Monday to avoid being on the streets today. — United Press.

### ★ And The Morocco Situation Improves

Paris, Nov. 1. A spokesman for the Moroccan Council of the Throne, said tonight he believed the French Government would authorise the former Sultan, Mohammed Ben Youssef to return to his throne.

Ben Youssef has arrived in France after a 20-month absence from his throne in Rabat.

SI Sekkal told newsmen after a conference with the French Premier M. Edgar Faure: "I believe that France is prepared to make the 'supreme' gesture which will annul her."

Tonight, the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay said Ben Youssef was prepared to resume with the French Government all negotiations likely to further French and Moroccan interests.

M. Pinay was speaking to journalists at the airport on his return to Paris after a talk with Ben Youssef. — France-Press.

## IKE MAY LEAVE HOSPITAL SOON

### Nov 11 Is The Likely Date

Denver, Nov. 1. The Denver White House said today "it was a good guess" that President Eisenhower would leave hospital on Nov. 11 for Washington.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. James Hagerly, told reporters that the November 11 date had been discussed among Mr. Eisenhower's doctors and with Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower.

He said: "It's a good guess for the departure time, but that a final decision will not be made until Dr. Paul

White (Boston heart specialist) and the other doctors have examined Mr. Eisenhower this weekend." According to present plans, Mr. Eisenhower, who is recovering from a heart attack, would board his plane, the Columbine III, on November 11, arrive in Washington around mid-afternoon and spend the weekend there before going on for further convalescence at his Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, farm. — Reuters.

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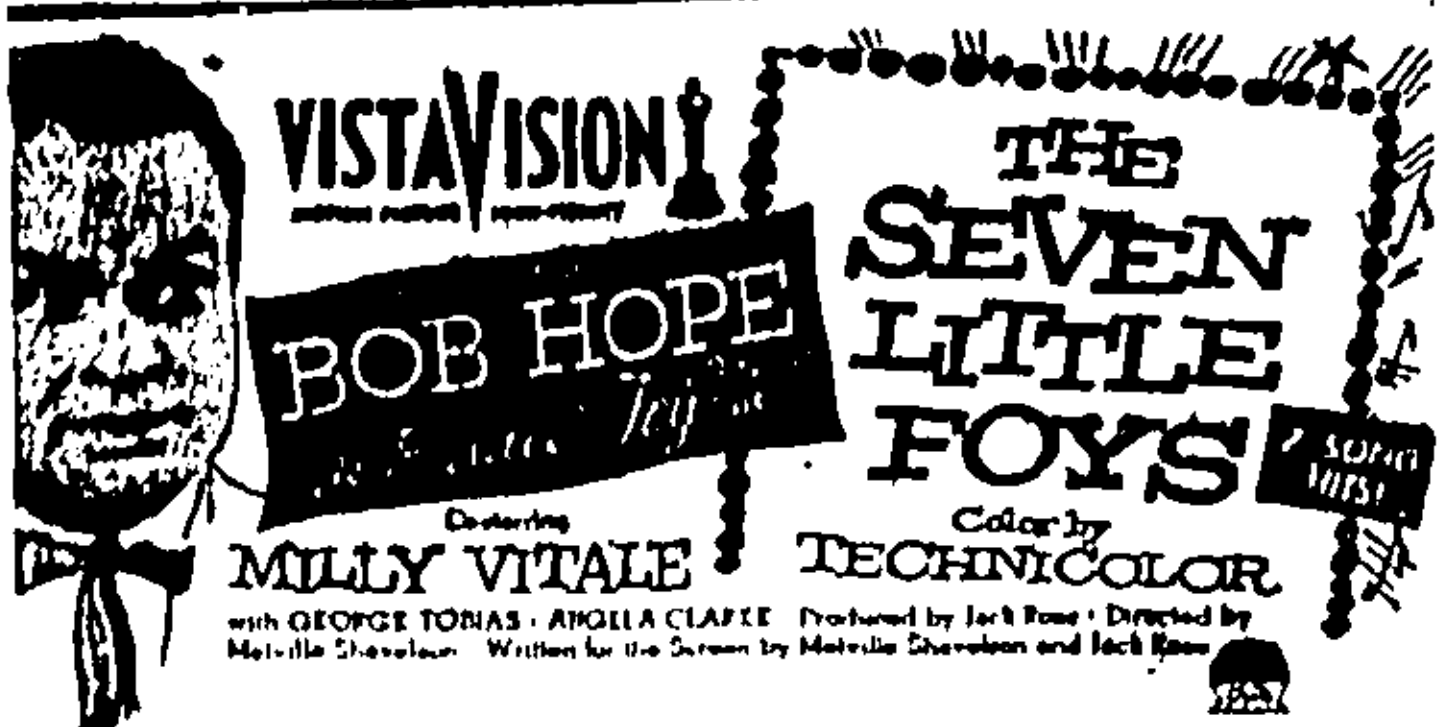
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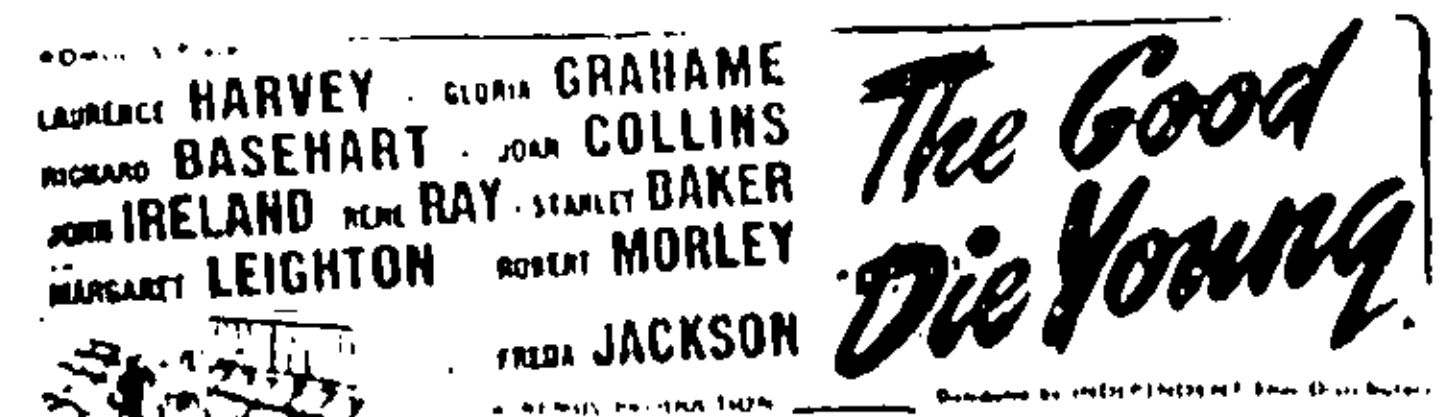


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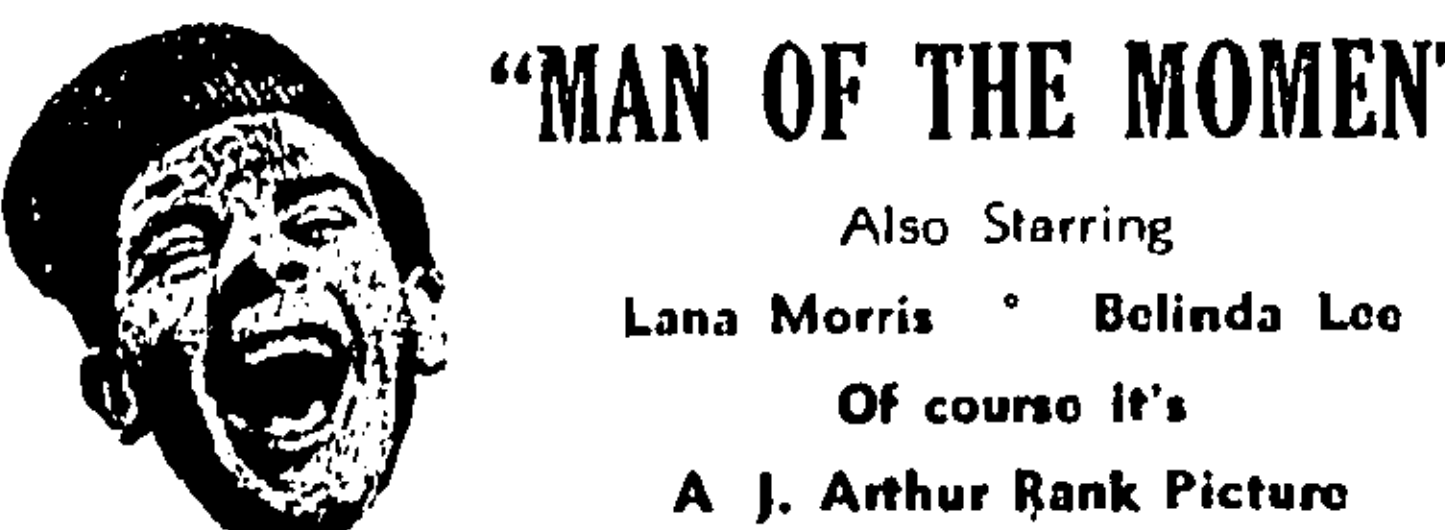
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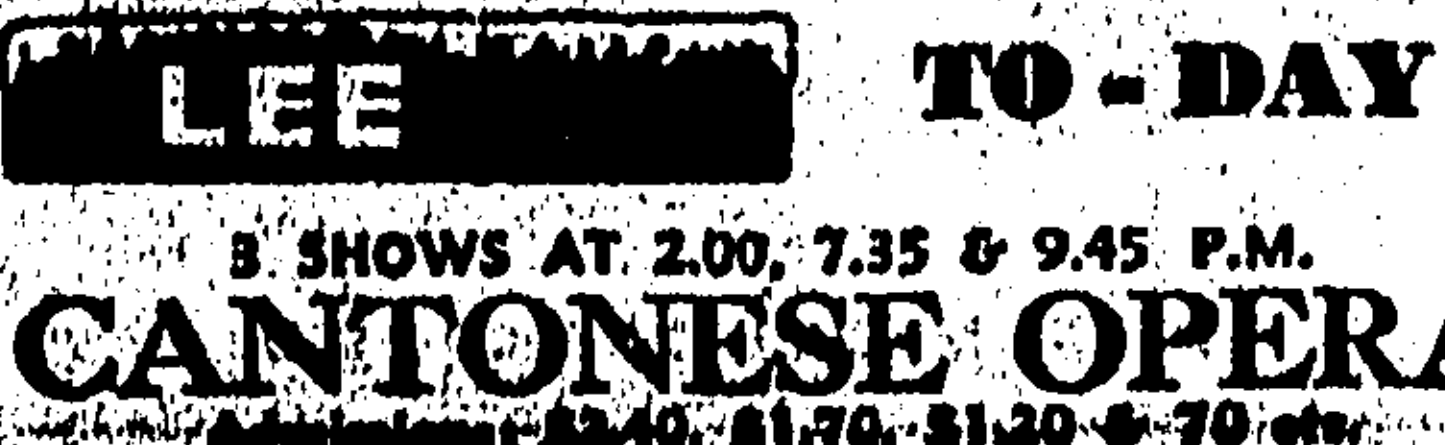
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## RUSSIA FOLLOWS UP MID EAST SUCCESS

## Little Likelihood Of Stopping Supply Of Arms

Geneva, Nov. 1.

The threat of a three-way split of the strategic Middle East loomed large today as reports hardened that the Soviet has cold-shouldered Western and Israeli demands for an immediate stoppage of Communist arms supplies to the Arabs.

Two major opposing blocs began to emerge in the explosive area as the immediate outcome of the unsuccessful Geneva approaches to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov.

The prospect of continued arms deliveries was held to have given a new powerful boost to Egypt-led efforts to forge a united Arab front against Israel and the Baghdad defence alliance. The West, in turn, emerged firmly determined to strengthen the newly-created Baghdad alignment and to furnish it with "teeth" as a deterrent against aggression.

Israel remains isolated, more than ever since its emergence from the Palestine war, with only a cautious Western promise to supply it with more defensive weapons and to protect it against all-out aggression under the terms of the 1950 tripartite declaration.

## Broaden Foothold

Russia, seemingly determined to broaden its newly-gained foothold in the Middle East, has been quick in following up the initial success of its new diplomatic offensive.

While the United States and Britain pleaded with Mr Molotov in Geneva to stop his interference in the Middle East, the Soviets signed a friendship pact with the tiny kingdom of Yemen in the Egyptian capital.

Similar agreements were expected to follow with other Arab nations in the wake of Moscow's declaration of policy of support to the independence drive of the Near and Middle East nations.

The fast-developing united Arab front gave rise to anxiety in Western quarters that Iraq—one of the founder members of the Baghdad alliance—might be attracted by the All-Arab "counter" bloc.

## Strong Pressure

Iraq's pact with Turkey in Baghdad earlier this year led to the split of the Arab nations and resulted at the time in the weakening of Egypt's leadership in the area.

Strong pressure has been exerted by Egypt on Iraq to back out of the alignment which has since been broadened by the accession of Britain, Pakistan and Iran.

Some Middle Eastern observers cautioned today that the growing Arab alignment, embracing the tiny state of Israel, may have repercussions in Baghdad where the idea of Arab unity has retained strong support.

However, Western officials pointed out that Iraq is also linked with Britain by a recently-revised treaty under which British arms are to build up Iraq's military potential on the ground and in the air.

Already Britain has increased arms supplies to Iraq, much to the dismay of Israel, which fears that Iraq's strong anti-Zionist feelings might induce her to use them against Israel.

## Special Treaty

Anxious attention also focussed today on Jordan which—alleged with Britain—has so far remained outside the new Cairo-led united Arab front.

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Its Arab Legion, as a result of Britain's annual payment to Jordan of £7,500,000, is subject to British supervision and has British officers. Britain, moreover, is bound by a special treaty to come to Jordan's assistance in the event of attack.

Syria, which allied her forces with those of Egypt under a joint command last month, is currently seeking in Amman to unite also the Syrian and Jordan forces along the Israeli frontier under a joint command.

Jordan, in addition to the Arab Legion, has a National Guard acting as a frontier force, said to be partly financed by the Arab League. Behind the move is the plan to close the Arab "defensive chain" against the "threat" from Israel.

## Closer Alignment

A closer alignment has been in the making between Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, in addition to a Syria-Lebanon alliance.

Indications emanating from Communist sources close to the Geneva four power conference, meanwhile, were that the Soviet envisions in the newly-developing Arab unity front a potential counter-bloc to the Baghdad alliance which she expects to control through an appropriate dose of arms supplies. —United Press.

## Five-Party Israeli Coalition

Jerusalem, Nov. 1.

The Israeli Premier-designate, David Ben Gurion, will present a five-party coalition government to the Knesset (Parliament) tomorrow.

The broad coalition was made possible after a dramatic personal appeal by President Yitz-Haq Ben Zvi today to the Yiz-Haq Nationalist "Hapoel Hamizrachi" Party to join the coalition in order to form a more stable government in view of the tense Middle Eastern situation.

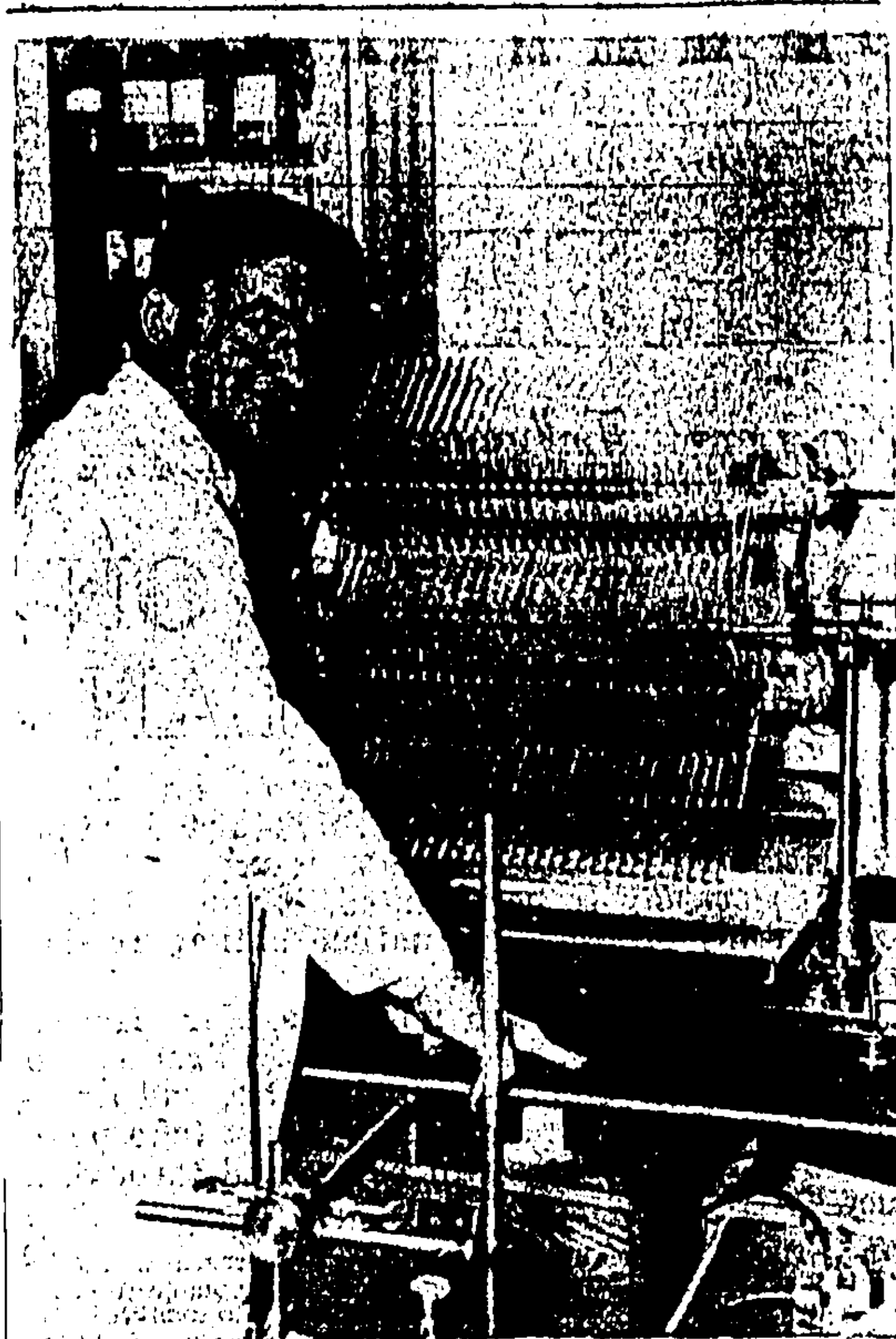
Mr Ben Zvi asked "the Hapoel Hamizrachi" leader, Mr Moshe Shapira, and Premier-designate to make every possible sacrifice and mutual concession.

## 75 Votes

The addition of the religious Nationalist Party's 11 deputies will give the proposed coalition government 75 votes in the 120-member parliament.

The Cabinet of Premier-designate will be made up of 10 ministers. Among its members will be Mr Moshe Sharett, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Yisrael Baryehada, Minister of the Interior, and Mr Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance. Mr Ben Gurion will also act as Minister of Defence.

The new government is the result of the Israeli elections of July 28.—France-Press.



Stockholm—Professor Hugo Theorell, shown at work in his laboratory here, has been awarded the 1955 Nobel Prize for Medicine. Professor Theorell receives the coveted prize for his discoveries concerning the oxidation enzyme. —Express Photo.

## RACIAL SEGREGATION DEBATE

## Iraqi Delegate Warns Of Uprising In South Africa

United Nations, Nov. 1.

An Arab delegate warned today that planes and guns, would be ineffective in any uprising of coloured persons in South Africa.

The Arab representative, Awni Khalidi of Iraq, gave the warning during a United Nations debate on the racial segregation (apartheid) policies of the South African Government.

The South African delegation is boycotting the debate on the grounds that it constitutes UN intervention in a domestic matter. Mr Khalidi said the 2,000,000 white persons in South Africa were in danger that the feelings of the 8,500,000 coloured persons would reach a "boiling point."

"I know of no territory in the world now that is not demanding progress of equality and justice," he said. "This awakening is the death knell of colonialism."

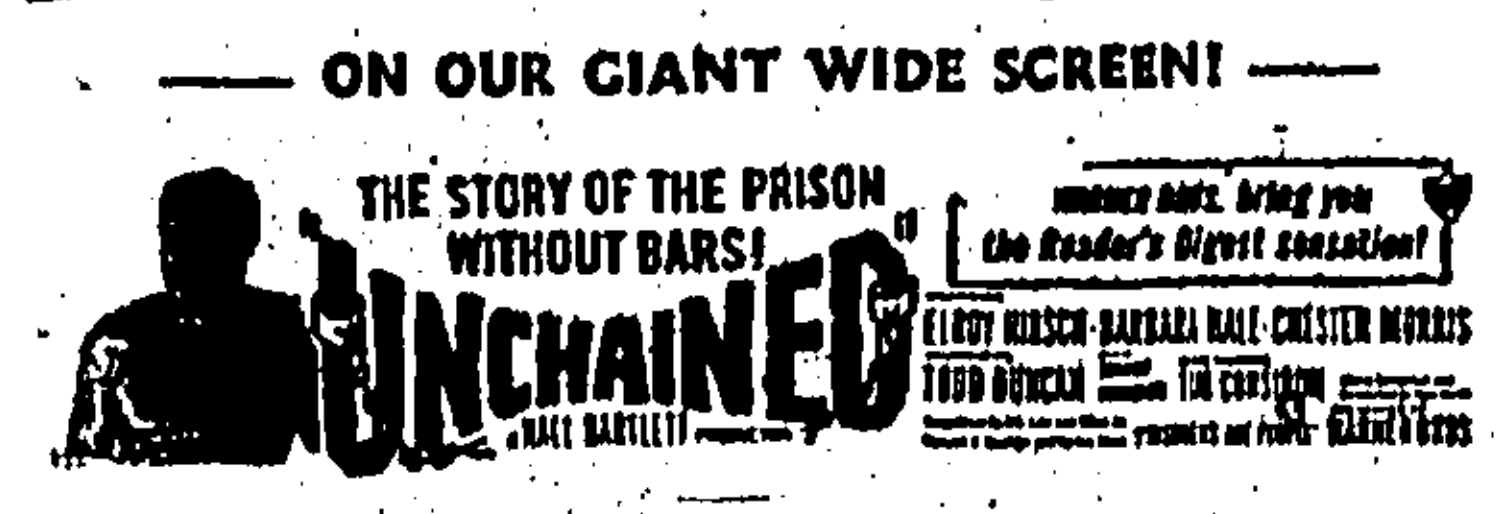
## Ask For Them

"When a native of a backward territory sees and hears of better things, he begins to ask for them. What will happen when the eight and a half million people in South Africa begin to ask for them? They will ask for them by force. Where will the two million whites be? Let them not delude themselves that airplanes and machineguns will be the answer."

He recommended that the South African Government follow the example of Britain in accepting the "changing times." He pointed out that the Church of England was a voice against discrimination.

"If there is any voice that South Africa should listen to, it is the voice of the Mother Country," said the Iraqi delegate.—United Press.

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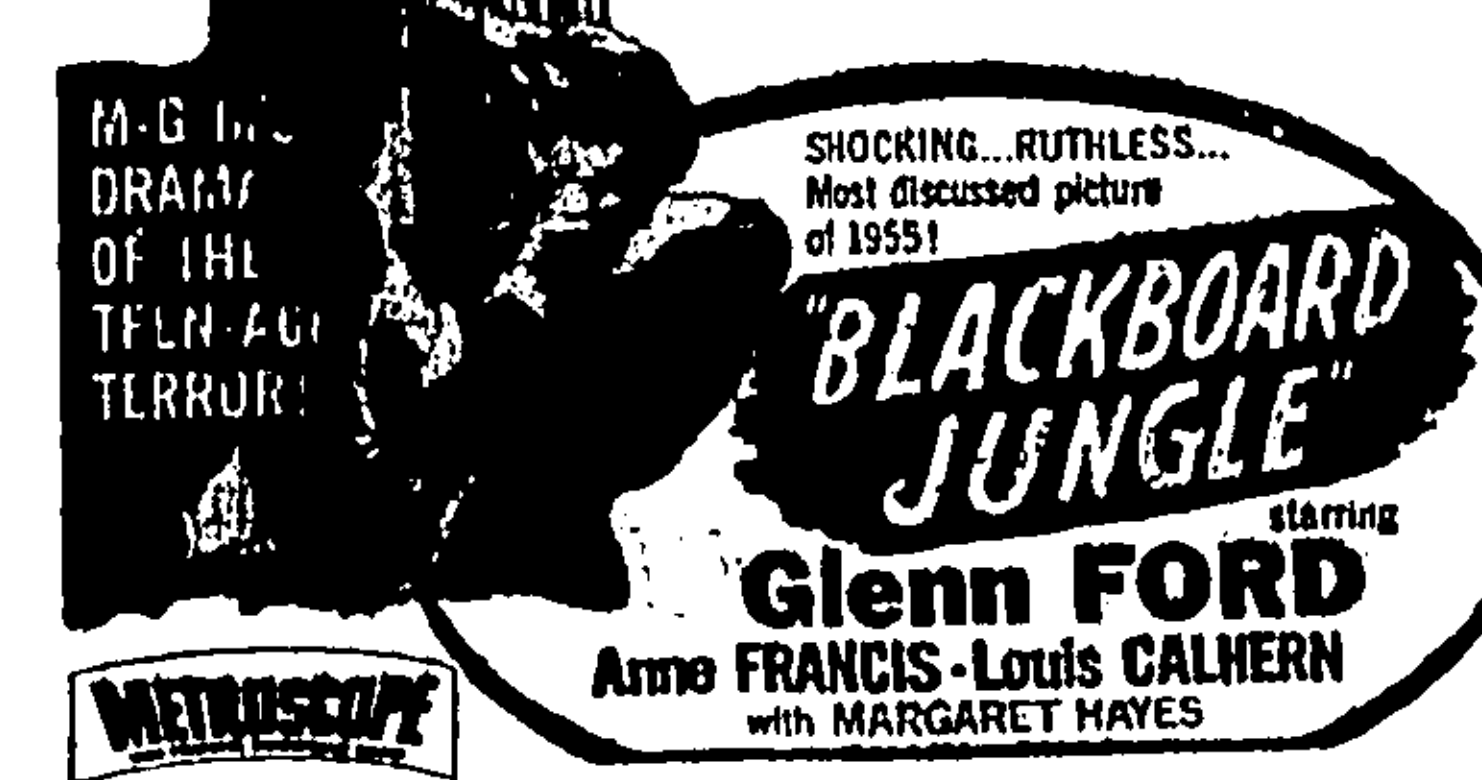
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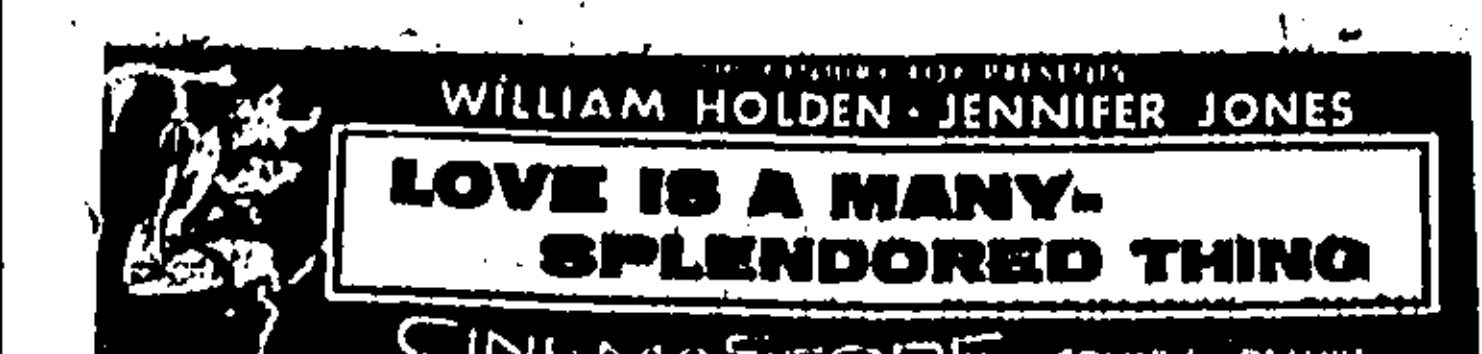


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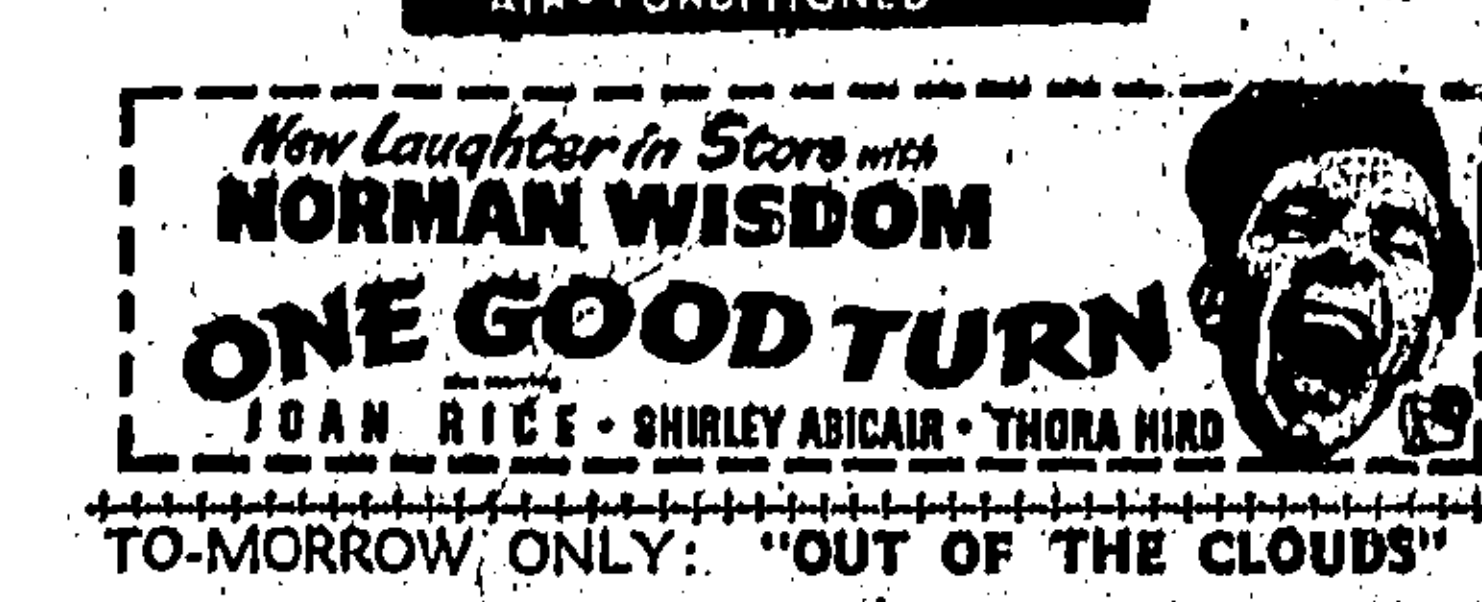


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# Saudi Arabia May Resort To Force Over Buraimi

## Dispute Could Spread Throughout Desert

### UN DELEGATE'S WARNING

United Nations, Nov. 1.

Saudi Arabia hinted today that its dispute with Britain over the Buraimi Oasis may spread to other areas of the vast Arabian desert.

Sheikh Abdullah Al-Kharyal, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States and chief UN delegate, said at a news conference that his government may finally ask the UN Security Council to intervene.

He warned that Saudi Arabia is prepared to use force to settle the issue, if peaceful means fail.

British-supported forces of two small Arab states wrested control of the Oasis from a Saudi Arabian police force on October 26. The area in the neck of the land between the Persian and Oman Gulfs is believed rich in unexploited oil reserves.

#### Threat To Peace

Both Saudi Arabia and Britain sent letters to the Security Council last week, giving their sides of the incident and its background. Neither, however, asked immediately for a Council meeting to go into the matter.

Al-Kharyal said that Saudi Arabia regards the Buraimi incident as a definite threat to peace in the entire area. "Keeping in mind that there is a frontier of 2,000 miles between Saudi Arabia and the areas of British influence, what happens in one spot can have an important effect on what happens far beyond that place itself," he said.

The Saudi Arabian government probably will decide definitely before the end of November whether to ask Security Council intervention, he said. A careful study of the incident is being made, he added.

Al-Kharyal was asked whether Saudi Arabia was prepared to resort to force to regain its Buraimi position.

#### British Protection

"If we think we have no other way after exhausting all peaceful means, then we are prepared to use force," he replied. "We have to answer aggression by the same language—armed aggression."

He said that the basic issue in the British-Saudi Arabian dispute is the question of sovereignty over the territory. Saudi Arabia claims it. The British contend that Buraimi lies partly in two states under British protection.

Al-Kharyal insisted that Saudi Arabia has "normal" relations with Muscat and Abu Dhabi and has no disputes with them. He described them as independent states.

Saudi Arabia has accused "British oil interests" of creating a "political problem" in the Buraimi area.

The Saudi Arabian UN delegation distributed three statements on the Buraimi question, one by Prince Faisal, the Prime Minister, one a government declaration, and one a communiqué on the October 26 incident.

#### Not Responsible

They accused the British of "armed aggression," and declared: "His Majesty's Government in Saudi Arabia resolutely asserts its full right in that region, and refuses to recognize any concessions that have been made, or shall be granted in the Buraimi region for any purpose, to anybody, be it an individual, a company, or a government, without the consent of the Saudi Arabian Government."

"The Saudi Arabian Government declares that it is not responsible for any damage or danger that might befall, as to life or property, those who violate this declaration," United Press.

## US Major Guilty Of Collaboration

New York, Nov. 1. AN ARMY court martial today found Major Ronald E. Alley guilty of collaborating with his Chinese Communist captors while a prisoner of war in Korea.

Alley, 34, who was taken prisoner by the Reds in the Chosen Reservoir fighting of December, 1950, was held guilty on four charges of trafficking with the enemy.

The eight-man court martial that returned the guilty verdict had been hearing his case since August 22.

Alley faces a possible maximum penalty of life imprisonment. The prosecution agreed in advance that it would not seek the death penalty.

The court martial will reconvene at 10 a.m. tomorrow to consider whether there are any "mitigating and extenuating circumstances" to justify a light sentence for Alley. It was understood that a physical claim will testify.

A spokesman said the court may sentence Alley at the close of tomorrow's session.

Alley's defence attorney, Lieutenant William T. Logan said that in all probability Alley himself will make a plea to the court.—United Press.

#### New Bells

Barcelona, Nov. 1. A new pool of bells is being installed in the famous pilgrimage shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat, patroness of Catalonia.

The bells were made in Bavaria, Germany. The six already installed are named Saint Bernat, San Pablo, Santiago, San Gregorio, San Pio and San Miguel. The heaviest bell weighs 3 1/2 tons. Four more will be installed later.—China Mail Special.

#### Pigeon Stowaway

Cape Town, Nov. 1. A racing pigeon missing for five days returned to its owner's loft with a message: "This stowaway has been royally treated." Inquiry showed that the bird, blown off its course in a storm, landed on a trawler steaming off Cape Town.

The crew looked after it and released it on return to port.—China Mail Special.

#### UN MEMBERSHIP

## Britain To Support 'Package' Admission

Geneva, Nov. 1. Britain will support the "package" admission of 18 Communist and non-Communist countries, including Japan to the UN, a British spokesman said here today.

Canada is submitting the proposal for the simultaneous entry of the nations hitherto denied admission, mainly because of disagreements between Russia and the United States about new membership.

Diplomatic quarters here believe the United States will drop its previous opposition to a bloc entry when the Canadian motion is debated towards the end of this year in New York.

The 18 proposed new members are Japan, Spain, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Albania, Outer Mongolia, Finland, the Irish Republic, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Jordan, Libya, Nepal, Cambodia, Laos and Ceylon.—Reuter.

## State Dept Announces Appointments

Washington, Nov. 1. Mr. William R. Rountree has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, and assumes his duties on Tuesday, the State Department announced today.

Mr. Rountree replaces Mr. John D. Hernegan, who has been assigned to Rome as deputy chief of the mission.

Mr. Rountree, who recently was Counselor of the Embassy in Teheran, has been associated with the Near Eastern and African Bureau since 1949, when he was appointed special assistant to the Director of Near Eastern and African Affairs. He has also served as a member of the Economic Mission to Greece and as special assistant to the American Ambassador in Athens from 1948 to 1950. From 1950 to 1952, until his transfer to Iran, he was Counselor of the Embassy in Ankara.—France Press.

#### ISRAEL-EGYPT INCIDENTS

## Border Clashes Discussed

United Nations, Nov. 1.

The United States, Britain and France today conferred with United Nations officials on some action to smother the border clashes between Israel and Egypt in the El Ajia area.

Informed sources said that while the general situation in the Near East was under discussion by Big Four and Israeli leaders in Geneva, Big Three Western representatives and UN officials here were concentrating on the border clashes.

The object of the talks at UN headquarters was "to damp down" the incidents in the El Ajia area, along the Egyptian-Israeli border where recent bloody incidents threatened to mushroom into general fighting.

The informed sources said there were two possible actions to smother the recurrence of such incidents. These were: direct negotiations between the Big Three Western powers, who "guarantee" the area under the 1950 tripartite agreement, and the Israeli and Egyptian, or a debate in the UN Security Council, which is charged with maintaining international peace.

Four Hawker Hunters of the Fighting Cocks (officially No. 43 Squadron RAF, Leuchars, Fife) carrying out aerobatics with which they thrilled crowds in Oslo and Stockholm. The Squadron, which was on a goodwill visit to Norway and Sweden, derived its nickname from the "Gamecock" fighters of the 1920's.—Reuterphoto.

## Russian Domination Criticised

New Orleans, Nov. 1. VICE-PRESIDENT Richard Nixon lashed Soviet Russia today for surrounding itself with satellites and called on all the Americas to band together for peace and progress in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Nixon said "no powerful nation has the inherent right to surround itself by satellites." He contrasted Russia's dominance of the small countries of Eastern Europe with the "United States' good neighbour policy" toward the countries of Latin America.

The Vice-President stated US policy toward small nations in a speech before a luncheon of the Inter-American Press Association. He said US actions in its area of influence had set an example for the world in big power relations with smaller countries.

"We reject the Communist philosophy that stronger states should take from weaker states lying within the orbit of their power," he said. "Each state, no matter how small, is entitled to recognition of its independence and equality under international law."—United Press.

#### BURMA PREMIER

Paris, Nov. 1. Burma Prime Minister U Nu returned to Moscow today after a week's tour of the Soviet Union. Tass news agency reported tonight from Moscow.

During his trip, U Nu visited Leningrad, the Crimea, Baku, Samarkand and Alma Ata, in central Asia.—France Press.

## No Admission By Back Door For E. Germany

Geneva, Nov. 1.

The West rejected tonight an East German Communist attempt to gain admission by back door to the Big Four conference.

The East Germans handed the conference a document on German reunification proposing setting up an "all-German Council" of East and West Germans. The plan was handed to the conference secretariat for distribution.

But the West refused to accept it and the document was not distributed among the four delegations as an official paper. The East German plan also called on the ministers to take measures to bring the two Germanys closer together and to establish a system of collective security.

#### Turned Down

The West yesterday turned down a Soviet proposal to invite Western German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and East German Premier Otto Grotewohl to appear before the Big Four conference. The West refused on the grounds that it does not recognize the Soviet zone regime. In the end it was decided not to invite either side.

Meanwhile, the Western allies decided to force an early showdown with the Soviets on German unity.—United Press.

#### ADMIRAL BURKE FORECASTS

## A-Propelled Surface Fleet In Two Years

Philadelphia, Nov. 1. The United States Navy will possess an atomically propelled surface fleet two years from now, Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, said here today.

Adm. Burke spoke at the commissioning of the United States' first warship equipped for the firing of teleguided missiles, the cruiser Boston.

He said nuclear propulsion would be extended first to cruisers like the Boston, then to heavy destroyers and later to aircraft carriers.

A second cruiser, the Canberra of the same type as the Boston is at present undergoing transformation and being equipped with "Terrier" anti-aircraft teleguided missiles. The Canberra will be commissioned next spring.—France Press.

#### Fine Warning

Karachi, Nov. 1. Karachi municipal corporation said that illegal parking is not supposed to be tolerated. It will remove the vehicles at the owner's risk and cost, besides seeking fines.

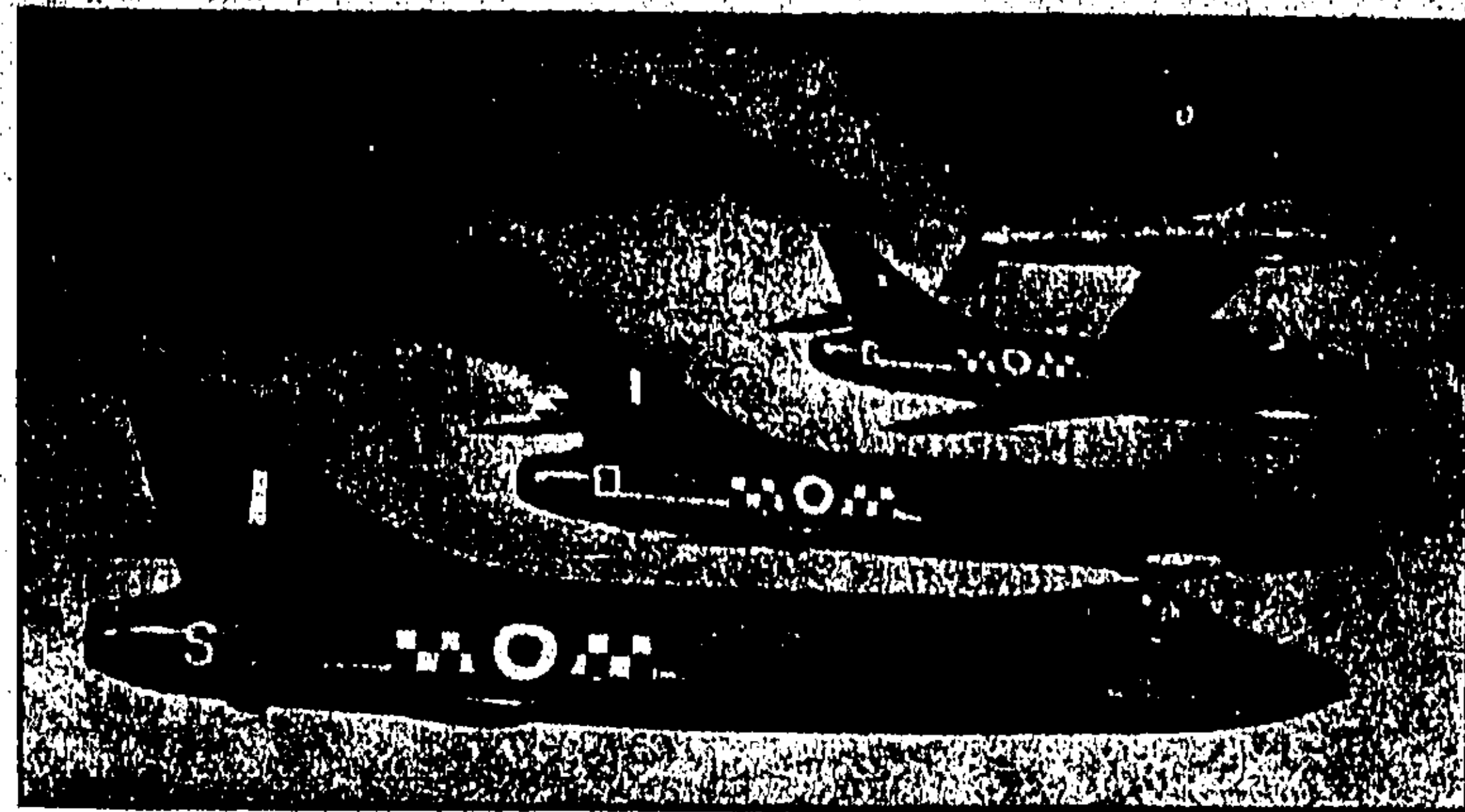
There have been complaints in the press that "the whole city is being turned into a garage."—China Mail Special.

#### SNAKES TABOO

Tokyo, Nov. 1. The Osaka Chamber of Commerce has warned Japanese black-market dealers not to export snakes for the design motif on blankets for exports.

A survey conducted in Southern Asian countries proved that buyers do not like to sleep under blankets with snake motifs.—China Mail Special.

#### Fighting Cocks Thrill Crowds



## US Tourists To Visit Russia

New York, Nov. 1.

A New York travel agent announced today that he would take a group of American airline and steamship company representatives to Russia within the next few weeks at the invitation of the Russian Government.

Other Iron Curtain countries may be included in the tour, designed to pave the way for American tourists in the lands newly opened to American travel, Mr. Gabriel Reiner said. The Russian invitation arrived here more than two weeks ago. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, announced yesterday that US restrictions had been lifted on travel to Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania.

Mr. Reiner, president of Cosmos Travel Bureau, Inc., said he had signed an agreement in Moscow last summer to represent the official Russian agency, Intourist in the United States.

#### Carriers Interested

He had gone to Russia with the American chess team in June and had talked touring business there with Russian leaders as well as tourist officials.

Mr. Reiner said all major US airlines and steamship companies as well as a number of foreign carriers who carry large numbers of American tourists had expressed interest in the trip.

He said he expected details would be completed for departure in late November or early December. He said he expected the group would spend two weeks in Russia and possibly longer if the other nations were included.

Resumption of tours to Russia after an interruption of 17 years also was announced today by Union Tours. Mr. M. B. Horton, president, said monthly departures by ships and planes already were set.—United Press.

## Paper Ears For Deaf

Hamburg, Nov. 1.

Ear specialists have successfully used alginoid paper to make artificial eardrums, an ear specialists' conference was told here.

Pierced eardrums can also be replaced by grafting skin from the patient's throat.

Plastics can be used to replace the eardrum, within which, hearing is almost impossible.

Otitis media, in which the channel to the inner ear becomes blocked, can be overcome by opening a "pop" channel through the skull and covering it with a thin membrane of skin.—China Mail Special.

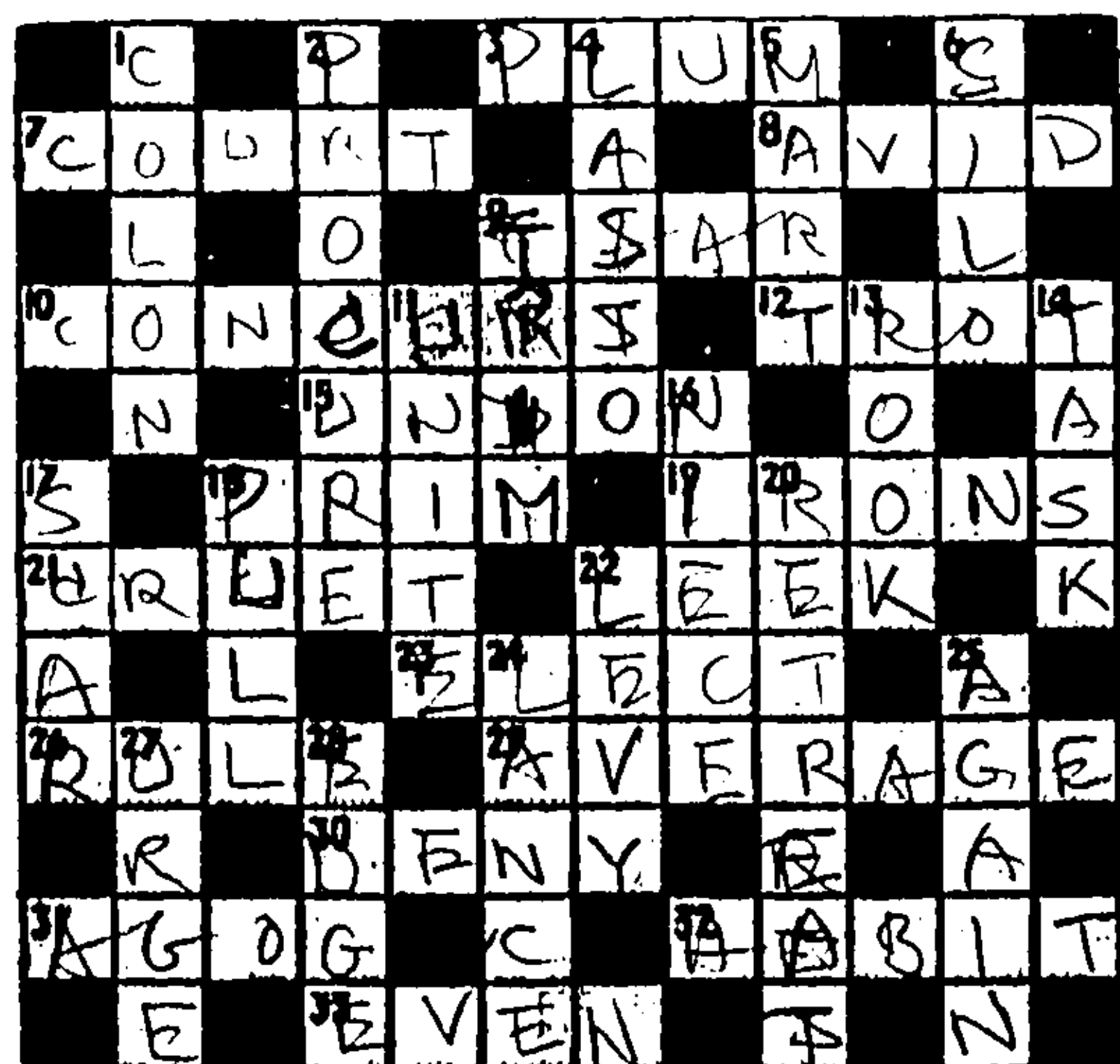
#### Playing Safe

Athens, Nov. 1.

The Greek Ministry of Commerce has approved the export of 60 cases of padlocks weighing six tons, to Istanbul, Turkey.

These padlocks are to be used by owners of Greek shops as a protection against looting. Greek shops were attacked and looted by Turkish mobs on September 6, 1955.—China Mail Special.

#### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Fruit (4).
  - 7 Wood (8).
  - 9 Greedy (4).
  - 10 Russian emperor (4).
  - 10 Agrees (7).
  - 12 Equine gait (4).
  - 16 Coalition (8).
  - 18 Affectionate niece (4).
  - 19 Fifties (5).
  - 21 Conditment set (5).
  - 22 Vegetable (4).
  - 23 Chooses (5).
  - 25 Hough (6).
  - 29 Mount (7).
  - 30 Gainsay (4).
  - 31 Hagar (5).
  - 32 Custom (5).
  - 33 Smooth (4).
- DOWN
- 1 Pubetuation mark (6).
  - 2 Obtain (7).
  - 4 Lariat (8).
  - 5 Trading-place (4).
  - 6 Storage chamber for fodder (4).
  - 9 Noot (4).
  - 11 Join (6).
  - 13 Bird (4).
  - 14 Job of work (4).
  - 16 Relative (5).
  - 17 Blamish (4).
  - 18 Haul (4).
  - 20 Withdraw (7).
  - 22 Tux (4).
  - 24 Weapon (5).
  - 25 Choke (5).
  - 27 Press (4).
  - 28 Border (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Patrol, 7 Airy, 9 Friend, 10 Calma, 11 Ease, 12 Modulating, 13 Term, 14 Leap, 15 Commemorate, 16 Alias, 17 Tunes, 18 Ticks, 19 Tumbler, 20 Drowsy, 21 Abused, 22 Great, 23 Looche, 24 Tolerant, 25 Buds, 26 Image, 27 Baner, 28 Martyr, 29 Disgusting, 30 Scold, 31 Impudent, 32 Notes, 33 Master, 34 Laid.





"Beat us at darts, beat us at shove-ha-penny, beat us at dominoes . . ."

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# WHAT MAKES A VOICE WORTH £20,000 A YEAR?

By FRANCIS MARTIN

**B**ECAUSE of the syrup and sincerity in their singing, three young Englishwomen and two young Englishmen have sold ten million records in two years. They were spotted or nursed to fame by five talent-smiths. To these five I put a question: What does it take to become a £20,000-a-year recording star? For answers read on.

Walter Ridley, HMV, trained hit-parader Alma Cogan for two gruelling years before letting her cut her first disc in 1952. To

reach the top, says Ridley, a girl must: Have a voice that is different, instantly recognisable. You needn't be born with one. You can acquire it. Just a matter of teaching, training.

## Outrageous

**N**EVER be afraid of gimmicks. But don't live by them. Take Johnny Ray's

cries. That's the most outrageous gimmick ever. Or you can put in wah-ho-ho effects, hillbilly style. Gimmicks get you noticed. If you're smart enough you move on from gimmicks and build up a truly individual style.

Be — or seem to be — sincere. Look back over singers who have successfully ridden all the storms. Listening to them you say to yourself "They really believe what they're singing." Whether they actually do or don't is, of course, beside the point.

Soft-pedal sex. Girl goes with her boy to the theatre to see some woman recording star. If the star is slinky, sexy and ogling, the girl says, "She's trying to grab my boy. I hate her."

Underline romance. Most people are inarticulate, remember. Boy and girl walk out together for three years. They're never able to say what they feel about each other. Can't find the words. They need a star to say things for them. Such things as "Darling, I love you." The boy wants them said by a sweet, homely girl. The girl wants them said by a nice, clean, good-looking boy.

## Last year

**R**AY MARTIN, Columbia, heard 19-year-old Ruby Murray on TV last year. Was impressed. Said to himself, "Maybe she sounds good because she looks good." Turned down the picture to make sure. Sound was better than ever. Martin offered Miss Grove at once. Offered Miss Murray a contract on which she has sold a million and a quarter discs in the last 11 months.

Martin is at one with Ridley on the importance of a "different" voice. But adds:

I don't agree that this "difference" can be acquired. A recording star is born with it. Let's suppose you have a good, average sort of voice. You try to get to the top by clamping a different style on it. What happens? Somehow the public sense what you're doing. They feel you are a phony. They write you off as unnatural, insincere. And that's the end.

Bill O'Connor, Canadian singer, came off the stage at His Majesty's one night in 1946. He had just sung a number he hated. Twelve O'clock and All's Well. In the Arthur Askey show, Follow the Girls.

As he changed for his next entrance he heard the same number being sung outside his dressing-room — by his own voice. Assuming that somebody had recorded him on the sly, he angrily flung open his door, intending to smash it over the first head he saw. But there was no record. No gramophone. Only a perky call-boy, 16-year-old Richard Bryce, born singer, born mimic.

## Singing lessons

**O'**CONNOR was so struck by the boy's talent that he sent him for 18 months' singing lessons and paid the bills, saying: "Somebody once did the same thing for me in my struggling days."

Richard Bryce, call-boy, is now Dickie Valentine, whose voice makes hordes of teen-age girls squeal ecstatically. Main thing that has put Valentine where he is, says O'Connor, is hard work.

"I've known Dickie spend hours perfecting one phrase, one word, even recording it on his own tape machine, playing it back to himself, experimenting with it endlessly. On the way up, while singing with Ted Heath's band, he 'doubled' in West End night clubs, worked a seven-day week, did without holidays. He will come home from a broadcast, get into dressing gown and slippers, work at his tape recorder or study other people's records into the small hours."

"A star has got to be tough. You're on tour. You have a job with a dance band in New York. You are busy until 12.30 a.m. Then you pile into a motor-coach. At 11 the same morning you're in London, recording. You aren't tired. You can't afford to be tired. You've got to bang the bell every time."

## An athlete

**L**ESLIE GRADE, agent, gives a similar career-verdict on David Whitfield, ex-Hull bricklayer and Decca star, who has sold three and a half to four million records since 1953:

"David takes the job as seriously as an athlete. When on tour he's in the theatre by 10.30 every morning, works on voice exercises with his musical adviser at the piano until one. In New York last year on an eight-day TV assignment, he hired a studio so that he could keep-up scales and arpeggios. Nine hours a day, seven days a week is his routine. Every winter he takes a fortnight off, goes skiing in Switzerland or hiking by the Mediterranean. But the voice exercises go on all the time. A star can never let-up."

Finally, here is Keith Devlin, agent, on Joan Regan, another singer of millions, who walked into his Jetton Street

office, a pretty nobody, in the spring of 1952:

"What impressed me was not her talk about singing, but her personality. I saw an average young housewife with an attractive face, a nice broad smile and a distinctive accent, in accent coloured slightly by her five years in America."

"Voice? Very good for an amateur. I took her to rehearsal rooms, wrote lyrics for her, made her practise, practise, practise. For stage experience I put her into a little summer show at Weymouth, at £15 a week. She worked like a tiger. Loved every minute of it."

"To do well in show business, to battle forward, taking all the knockdowns and let-downs with a smile, a girl must have tremendous will power. And that, I think, is the main lesson of Joan Regan's success."

# THEY'RE ALL DOING IT—LIKE BING

By J. W. TAYLOR

**S**ALES of tape-recording machines have soared to an extent that is even surprising the manufacturers. Industrialists, businessmen, doctors, solicitors, editors, entertainment stars, tutors and families are using them in increasing numbers as an aid to everyday activities. Even the spy-catchers are using them.

These handy machines have grown in public favour ever since the war, when new uses were found for them. The Germans had them for recording Allied radio signals. Soon the Allies were doing the same.

In the field, recordings of actual combat sounds played to the troops in training to build up their confidence in battle later on. Ships of the Fleet recorded all combat orders and test pilots spoke into recorder-attached mikes during power dives.

There were many other war uses which have been kept secret. Several spies were caught by the invisible, silent recorder taking down what it heard.

## NO SCRATCH

The narrow plastic ribbon of recorders is easily edited with scissors and gum. There is no need for his or scratch because there is no needle. The plastic tape carries a coating of iron oxide. This surface becomes magnetised and captures sound. And the tape can be used over and over again.

The coming of the peace brought further uses for the magic tape. Airlines preserve on them all messages between planes in the air and control tower personnel. At Parkstone Quay, Harwich, announcements to incoming passengers are made on the tape in several languages.

animal to death before the smog can be exhaled.

So the lucky giraffes will be either kept indoors in a warm, clean atmosphere, or wear smog masks, or perhaps even have their noses syringed by anxious vets, while nothing at all is being done for the women of the English aristocracy, although they suffer from the same handicap.

Nobody cares if they choke to death in a smog, and if you infer from this that the English prefer giraffes to women of the smart set you are probably right.

## Keeping moving

**T**HE kindly English are also worried about Old Age Pensioners' feet.

A deputation from the Association of Municipal Corporations will call on the Minister of Health asking for a free chiropody service "to keep the old folk mobile."

As one kindly councillor pointed out recently, some of the O.A.P.s can hardly get to the local post office to draw their retirement pensions, which may soon have to be delivered at their homes at an extra cost to the State.

## Work this out

**T**HERE is also a man in Birmingham worrying over a problem which he hopes will be solved by the unlucky editor of a magazine.

The man writes: "It was stated to me the other day that the total population of the world could stand on the Isle of Wight. Is this correct?"

So far the editor has maintained a dignified silence about this matter. He is probably waiting for another reader to work it out and come clean with the answer.

In the meantime, as this appears to be the sort of question that causes intense interest and interminable arguments, can anybody tell me if the population of the world, lying flat on its back, could go to sleep in the county of Yorkshire?

## Some don't care

**A**L the same, there are other people in the country who do not appear to be worrying about anything much.

There is a Mr. William Hobson, of Titchmarsh, Corner, who is proud to announce that he can, still bend over and touch his toes at the age of 88, a boy who has discovered that it takes 443,520 milk bottle tops to cover a mile, and a vicar who asks in his parish magazine, if anybody can tell him how to keep awake in the daytime.

He goes to sleep at dinner parties, lectures, missionary meetings, and even during sermons, he says. "My fear is that I shall fall asleep when preaching and go on talking in my sleep for hours."

There is also a woman writing to another unfortunate editor saying that she never buys his publication, because she has learned, after years of practice, to read other people's newspapers upside down, in the house and abroad.

If she is one of my constant

# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

here is a message she can read without strain:

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## No more pheasant

**Y**OU might ask me what I am worrying about.

For one thing I am a little hurt at Mr Butler's remark that we must not drop back into easy evenings with over-ripe pheasants and bottles of port, which have been my family's staple diet for centuries.

In fact, when we lived at Totterton Towers, our ancestral home in Surrey, my old grandfather, the 14th Marquess of Purley, who married the Earl of Ealing's daughter, ate hardly anything else when pheasant was in season.

When he became extremely old and slightly round the bend he believed it was always in season, just as another ancestor of mine, the mad Duke of Brington, thought every day was Christmas Day and ate turkey and plum pudding wearing a gay paper hat all the year round.

It was for this reason that the old Marchioness of Purley was obliged to get in a stock of thinned pheasant, which she filled with little lead pellets so that her husband would believe the bird had been shot on his estate.

As the family fortunes declined he was obliged to make do with a high tea of over-ripe haddock and a glass of British sherry, but by that time he was so old that he hardly knew the difference so long as there were pellets in the haddock.

Incidentally, the family motto was "A Bottle and a Bird." But it was dropped like a hot brick when the hard-drinking younger son of the 15th Marquess married a chorus girl out of the Folies Bergere.

My family was so out of touch with the world that they found it hard to believe chorus girls are any more respectable and hard-working than girls of the English upper classes.

## No more dustmen?

**O**THER things worrying me, apart from Mr Butler's autumn Budget, are warnings that with full employment and a higher standard of universal education there will soon be no dustmen and nobody to deliver the coal. It is pointed out that few men will undertake this sort of work when they are intelligent enough to do something better.

So as the glorious future unfolds everybody will be obliged to leave their own coal and empty their own dustbins and money will mean nothing at all to the rich, if there are any rich left.

"My dear duchess, you have coal dust all down your neck." "As the duke was in bed with flu I was obliged to fetch the coal from the depot!" "But surely you could have had a hot bath before dinner?" "Nobody to light the boiler, dear, and no gas or electricity because the ridiculous people at the power stations are attending a literary lecture. Why do you smile so strongly of decaying vegetables?"

"My dear duchess, the duchess does!"

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# ARE 'SPURS' BOSSES 'MEAN'; CAN THEY STOP THE ROT?

Asks ALAN HOBY

What IS the trouble at Tottenham? What is this dry-rot which is crumbling away the fabric of fabulously-wealthy Spurs, once the show-side of English football?

Ask different men and you get different answers. An angry Tottenham star told me: "It's the little things that count. Directors should realise that we are human — like everyone else. We breathe too!"

E. Dewhurst Hornsby, Tottenham vice-chairman, said: "The club is most definitely NOT seething with discontent. Nor is it true that there are strained relations between the board and the players."

All very conflicting, but you don't have to be a bloodhound to sniff the behind-the-scenes tension at White Hart Lane.

There is a strange, repetitive pattern running through the affairs of this club with the building money-bags.

Years ago I was the central figure in an extraordinary incident.

Following an "out of the blue" phone call from a well-known Spurs player, I went to his house, where I met a group of his colleagues.

They told me with some heat that, despite a successful season, only three of the first team had been offered the maximum rate for re-signing. Could I do anything about it?

## PAY PACKETS

I did. I published the story and all hell broke loose. But, after a while the ENTIRE first team were not only offered top terms, their pay packets were handily back-dated.

Since then times have changed. There is a different board and Spurs have enjoyed years of success and plenty.

But now? Spurs' huddle, miserably at the foot of the First Division.

England star Eddie Hally, after complaining about the

"unhappy atmosphere," has asked for his transfer. And the once proud cocker's tail is down in the dust.

Are the 'Spurs bosses really as 'mean' as they're made out to be?

Vice-chairman Hornsby, who has always treated me courteously, says: "We haven't been mean."

"All players get full benefits after five years. We've £14,000 set aside for that purpose."

Tony March? In his case £1000 was cut from his £750 benefit because he had been away on National Service. Although he played in the first team from time to time.

"Do you think we've been unfair?" Mr. Hornsby asked me.

Perhaps not, Mr. Hornsby, but there are many people who think that the extra £100 wouldn't have hurt a rich club like Spurs.

Mr. Hornsby also pointed out what a "wonderful thing" it was that internationalists like Rommie Burgess and Alf Ramsey had been released to Swansea and Cardiff.

But, when one of their old teammates heard this, he scoffed: "Weren't they entitled to it? Hadn't THEY given WONDERFUL service to Spurs?"

Finally, I was told that Spurs are not thinking of appointing a new manager in place of their loyal old servant, Jimmy Anderson, who has been ill in hospital.

## OUT OF TROUBLE

"Given time he will get us out of trouble," declared Mr. Hornsby.

I am sure he will, but, alas, time is the one thing Spurs are all too short of.

No one wants to see 'Spurs go down, but they are in a pitiful pickle.

Referring to "panic changes," A. G. Franklin, editor of the Supporters' Club journal, Lilywhite, says:

"That we can afford to part with Hally, one of our few scheming ball players is too amazing to contemplate with any degree of calm. It shocks and depresses most of us."

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whether he can save 'Spurs or not.

But having probed every angle of the great Tottenham mystery, I do urge that, in the present emergency, it is up to everyone to forget personal grievances, whether imaginary or otherwise, and get on with the paramount job of stopping the rot.

And the first thing to be done is for the directors to convince the players that they believe in them and are behind them all the way.

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## AUSTRIAN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

### Andreadis Retains Singles Title With 3-1 Win

Vienna, Nov. 1. Ivan Andreadis, of Czechoslovakia, retained his Men's Singles title in the Austrian International Table Tennis Championships here today.

In the final, he beat fellow countryman Ladislav Sulek 3-1, 21-19, 21-17, 21-18.

The reigning World Champion, Mrs. Angelica Rozanu, of Romania, won the Women's Singles title beating Rosalind Cornhill, of Britain, the former Mrs. Rosalind Rowe 21-4, 21-17, 21-20.

The All-Czechoslovak Men's Doubles final was won by L. Vih Nanovsky and V. Tereba, who beat Andreadis and Sulek 21-4, 21-15, 17-21, 18-21, 21-7 in the final.

The British Twins, Miss Diane Rowe and Mrs. Rosalind Cornhill, won the Women's Doubles title beating the World Champions, Mrs. Angelica Rozanu and Miss Ella Zeller, of Romania, 21-5, 21-19, 10-21, 21-18 in the final.

Sulek (Czechoslovakian) and Mrs. Cornhill (British) won the Mixed Doubles title beating the All-British partnership of Johnny Leach and Miss D. Rowe 21-19, 21-10, 21-23 and 21-15 in the final.—Reuter.

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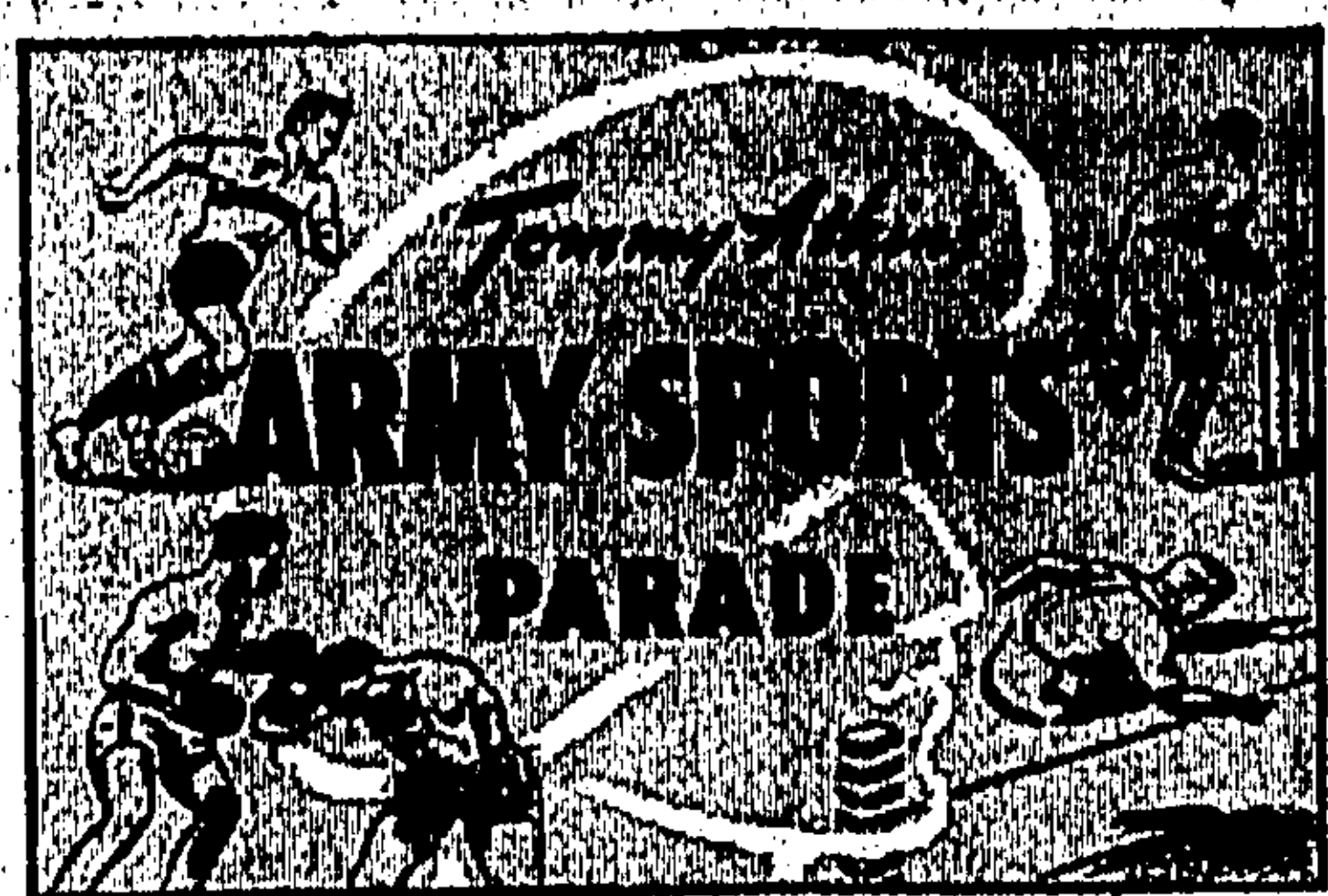
The New Territories Zone of the Minor Units League gets off to a five-star start on November 10, when the fixture list brings 27th Bty RA and 11th Infantry Workshops together at Ping Shan.

Incidentally it would not be amiss at this point to pass a word of compliment to Lt. H. Lender, RAFC, the new League Secretary, who has done a fine job in getting out the fixture lists in such good time.

ENTRY LIST

The entry lists for the Land Forces Tennis Championships of 1955 have now closed and the organisers report that a good representative entry has been received. It is expected that the draw for the various competitions will be published in the very near future, and just a reminder that the games will be played at the USRC Courts at King's Park on November 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The final spot this week is for qualified boxing officials who have not yet affiliated to the Army Boxing Referees and Judges Association. The Army BA has ruled that only those officials who have joined the



The purists may not agree that the motor cycling display which is being prepared for the British Forces Tattoo is in fact a sporting event, but I am sure that there will be few quibbles at my decision to invite these brilliant riders to fill the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade.

The thousands who will watch and applaud their efforts at Caroline Hill during the remainder of this week will see only a polished presentation of riding skill which, by its very perfection, belies the dangers involved, and which, by its freshness, masks the long and arduous hours of practice that have produced such fine results.

The Royal Signals have built up a fine reputation for their motor cycle displays in many parts of the world and it is safe to say that the one being presented in Hongkong, will not deviate one little bit from the high standard that they have set themselves elsewhere.

It is congratulations then to the riders and the patient instructors who have made this thrilling display possible.

## AMUSING ITEM

I have just received an interesting and somewhat amusing item from a friend in the Colony. It is an extract from the British weekly newspaper, The Sporting Record, of October 22. The following appears in Basil Storer's column called "Soccer Snaps".

"Velly beat wishes and the Story salute of chopsticks to Gordon Egerton, Bolton Wanderers' young wing-half, now on National Service and recently posted to Hongkong. Gordon has written to Bolton boss, Bill Hidding, asking permission to play for a Chinese team."

"Says Bill: 'We've wired the necessary approval. Gordon will be the only white man playing in the team!'"

Well it's an interesting story. The snag is that the only one who knows nothing about it is the player himself. Egerton is, of course, one of the Army representative players.

The trusty arms of our squash players are soon to be put to the test and with pleasant recollections of the fine play in last year's Land Forces Army Squash tournaments it is felt that news of the 1955-56 Inter-Unit and Individual competitions will be enthusiastically received.

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## SPORTS SURVEY

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If the weather is anything like, Mr Philip Wills, 48-year-old director of a shipping company and chairman of the British Gliding Association who look upon him as the foremost authority on gliding in Britain, may be seen soaring over the Midlands in an old felt hat, flying suit and spats.

There is nothing eccentric in the sporting of spats; they are worn for purely practical ends — they keep the feet that much warmer at high, cold altitudes. And Mr Wills, who earlier this year won the Lillenthal Medal, the world's highest trophy for gliding, ought to know.

They have given him much warmth and comfort during his representation of Britain in gliding events in various parts of the world. Mr Wills, by the way, reminds us that the term gliding is not strictly an accurate one to apply to his particular type of activity, for the machines he and his fellow sky-men fly are sailplanes, which are capable of soaring up and up and are not restricted to gliding down and down.

He will tell you that we humans are really better flyers than the birds in a sense. Birds would not dream of entering a cloud because of the possibly violent air conditions inside it, but sailplane pilots make for clouds in search of extra lift. He says: "On the other hand, we have to think before carrying out an aerial manoeuvre, which a bird would do by instinct."

On a recent competition Mr Wills was the only competitor to achieve the desired goal of naming their destination before setting out for it and reaching it. He flew from the Long Mynd to Dunstable, a distance of 110 miles, in 3½ hours—in an old felt hat, flying suit and spats.

## A STEP FURTHER

When Bristol City moved up into the Second Division, their chairman, Mr Harry Dolman, looked upon it merely as a step further in the long-term planning he has indulged in ever since he took over the chair at Ashton Gate six years ago, for he has always insisted that Bristol people should regard "City" as a potential First Division club. And judging by their Second Division performance to date, it looks as if that could be a possibility quite soon.

That is why the chairman had considerable ground improvements carried out while they were still a struggling Third Division side, so that today the board do not have to worry about increasing their accommodation with the prospect of First Division football returning to Ashton.

Harry Dolman more than any other man is responsible for

When the touring New Zealand Rugby League side played at Wigan there were no fewer than four of the Wigan players who appeared against the All Blacks on the same ground in 1907 watching the match. The men who bridged the 48 years were Johnny Thomas, Joe Miller, Bob Brookes and Jim Blears, all of whom still live in Wigan and who are each over 70 years of age now.

Not often do a team score 10 goals, and their centre-forward fail to find the net. But that is what happened when Grimsby Park beat YMCA in the Mill Hill (Blackburn) Boys' League. Leader Eddie Greenwood was the only forward who failed to score, but six of the side shared the goals.

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# FRANCO'S POLITICAL POSITION Monarchy Move Believed Popular With Nation

Madrid, Nov. 1.

As General Francisco Franco enters on his twentieth year as the head of the Spanish State, his move towards a restoration of the monarchy appears to have strengthened his political position.

Three days before he completed 19 years of supreme power, he had one of the best receptions he has ever had in Barcelona when he arrived there for a stay of over two weeks.

Even his supporters were surprised at the way the people of Barcelona filled the streets, in view of Barcelona's normal mistrust of all Madrid governments, no matter what their political complexion.

This led political observers here to deduce that his move to restore the monarchy in the person of the youthful Prince Juan Carlos is popular with the nation, which, they believe, regards it as increasing the long term probabilities of political and social peace.

Why we should change it for another regime of doubtful success. In contemporary Portugal, one eminent general succeeded another.

Critics of General Franco's desire for a continuation of the present system under another general after General Franco's death or retirement, stressed, however, the advantages of fusing the new ideas of the present regime with the old values of the monarchy.

These critics consider that the danger of the monarchy bringing back antiquated political or social conditions is slight. The 9,000,000-strong labour unions, they say, are today a powerful social force in the land and an obstacle to any return to the past.

They claim, too, that even the army officers are now being drawn from more modest classes because the low pay in the Spanish army discourages the young men of Spain's well-to-do families from entering the service. Such a change is likely to have political and social consequences of importance in a nation where the army's role is considerable.

China Mail Special.

## ONE CLOUD

The one cloud on the horizon is the serious illness of General Carlos Asensio General Asensio, aged 58 and a figure of great authority and prestige in the army, has been regarded by many as the ideal successor to General Franco, either as Regent in the event of General Franco dying or retiring before Prince Juan Carlos reaches the constitutional age of 30 to become king, or, if the restoration scheme should fall through, as General Franco's successor as Head of State.

But General Asensio suffered an embolism in August which has caused him to give up his post as Chief of the Central General Staff.

## NOW 62 YEARS

General Franco is now 62 years of age. Prince Juan Carlos will not reach the age of 30 until 1963, when Franco, if alive, will be 75.

The Generalissimo is at present sturdy and well. Reports which circulated recently that he was unwell and would undergo a dangerous operation, arose from contacts between a Cabinet Minister and a Barcelona surgeon. But these contacts had nothing to do with the General and the reports lacked foundation.

General Franco's bid to restore the monarchy in the person of a young prince, especially trained for his post over many years, is the kind of bold initiative which appeals to Spaniards. Now all his supporters like the idea, however, any more than do those monarchists who insist that Don Juan, the father, should be king and not his son.

On the day that General Franco began his twentieth year as head of the Spanish State, Senor Jose Felix de Loqueria, a prominent financial figure in Bilbao and a former Spanish Ambassador to Washington, wrote in Barcelona's La Vanguardia: "The Franco regime is not a dictatorship but a system. There is no real danger."

## New Guns For Warders

Melbourne, Nov. 1.  
American Mark 1 model carbines will supplement the present 1873-model Winchester rifles used by warders at Fenwick-Victoria's main gaol in the Melbourne suburb of Coburg.

A recent inquiry into the escape of five prisoners from the gaol disclosed that warders had been armed with the 82-year-old Winchester rifles. Few had training in their use and some had never fired a shot.—China Mail Special.



## YMCA Official Arrives Here

Dr and Mrs Chen Su-lan of Hongkong Airways from Tokyo this morning.

Dr Chen, who is the Vice-President of the Malayan YMCA Council, President of the Singapore Chinese YMCA and a member of the YMCA World Council in Geneva, is returning home after attending the Centenary Conference of World YMCAs in Paris from August 12 to 24.

He came by way of London, Scandinavia, Paris, Honolulu and Tokyo. This is Dr Chen's second round-the-world trip.

Dr and Mrs Chen are staying in the Colony for a few days before returning to Singapore.

New Delhi, Nov. 1.  
Negotiations between India and the United States for a revised air agreement are reaching the crucial stage, informed sources said today.

The talks began on October 19.—United Press.

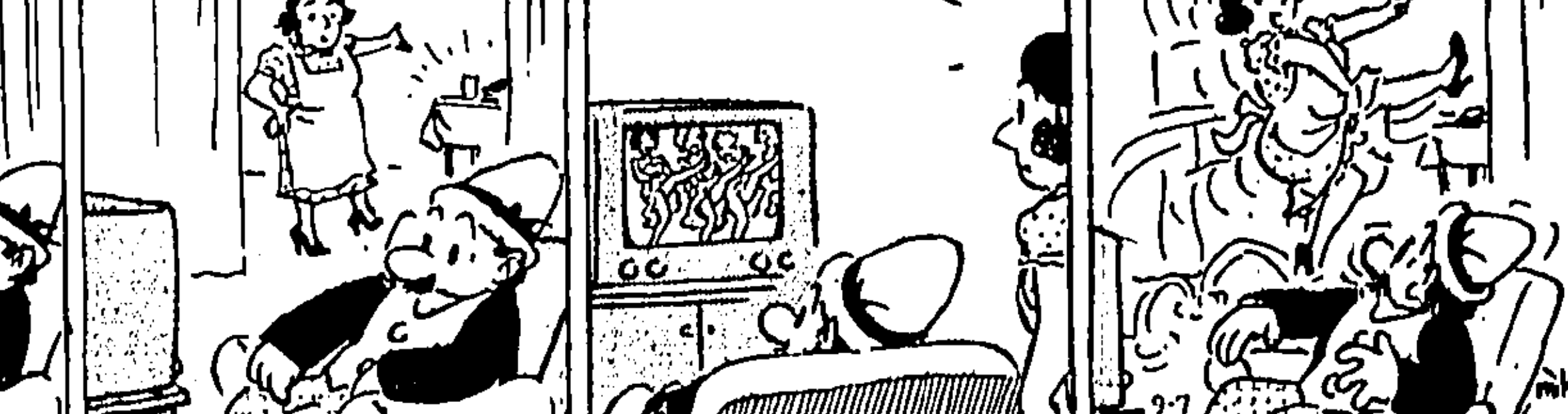
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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By Milk



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By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



# Swedes Urged To Drink More Beer

Stockholm, Nov. 1.

The Swedes are being urged to shun the Viking spirit and drink more beer.

Strong beer, the Government, Parliament and the State Alcohol Monopoly all believe, is less intoxicating than the locally distilled schnapps, a fiery spirit preferred by most Scandinavians. That is why the easier drinking laws recently passed by Parliament aim at encouraging beer at the expense of spirits.

The problem facing the beer advocates was twofold. Real beer was brewed in Sweden. Only a weak, watery ale was on sale. This might be used as a "chaser" to schnapps, but not as a substitute for it.

On the other hand, schnapps and other spirits could not be banned because the nation was in no mood for new restrictions. As it was, spirits were already rationed at 15 centilitres per person in restaurants and at a maximum of three litres per month per head if bought retail.

## Mild Gamble

So the law-makers decided to take a mild gamble. They lifted the ban on strong beer and, at the same time, took schnapps and all other spirits off the ration.

For the first time since 1919, the Swedes could buy as much spirits as they liked.

Teetotalers up and down the country shook their heads and forecast an appalling increase in drunkenness. Seventy-seven-year-old Doctor Ivan Bratt, who worked out the complex rationing system told journalists: "They know not what they do."

But the law-makers reasoned that the Swedish drinker could be persuaded that beer is best if he had a wide enough choice of strong brews. If their guess was wrong, little would be changed, since spirit drinkers had been getting round the regulations by borrowing money from restaurants where the ration regulations were interpreted liberally.

Accordingly, they opened Sweden to beers from Austria, England, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Elze, Germany and Holland. The new real beers with an alcoholic content of up to five per cent. At the same time strong Swedish beers, hitherto reserved for export, were released to the home market.

## Mathematics

The State liquor shops have opened up special beer counters with the bottles arranged in striking displays. Restaurants have special beer lists, and beer drinking is becoming the "thing to do" in Sweden.

Scientists are helping by pointing out the mathematics of beer.

Professor Leonard Goldberg, of the Caroline Medical Institute, has explained in the press that the alcoholic content of the average bottle of strong beer on sale in Sweden is about five centilitres. This is equivalent to a small glass of schnapps.

But, Professor Goldberg says, drinking the beer will not make a man or woman feel so tipsy as drinking the schnapps, even if they dilute the schnapps with water. He bases his belief on tests made on beer drinkers, including a man who had drunk eleven bottles of strong beer in 20 hours.

Other scientists have worked out how much beer the average man can drink without risk of being convicted for drunken driving.

Taking as a basis, a 90-minute drinking period, they say that one bottle of strong beer will leave no trace of alcohol in the blood at the end of the period. Two bottles will leave a trace but it will be less than the critical 0.08 per cent. Motorists found to have 0.08 per cent of alcohol in their blood are deemed in law to be under the influence of alcohol and can be fined.

Three bottles of strong beer will cause a man just to touch the 0.08 mark. Whether he stays just under it or goes just over it depends on how he can carry his liquor.

## Prison Sentence

Four bottles will certainly put him well over the mark and five will bring him up to the fatal 0.14 per cent. With this amount of alcohol in his blood, a motorist is deemed to be drunk and incapable. For this offence, he will be sent to prison.

The Swedes are assured, therefore, that beer is not only best, but also safest.

Nevertheless, the "drink beer" campaign may be killed by cost and custom. To have a bottle of beer in a restaurant, cafe or any other public place in Sweden, the drinker must buy a sandwich costing a minimum of one crown fifty cents (about 2s 3d). This regulation is based on the belief that alcohol is less intoxicating if taken with food.

Its real effect is to make the total cost of having a glass of beer more expensive than the price of the beer itself.

Finally, 19 years of weak, watery ale had accustomed the Swedes to drinking this brew as a chaser to schnapps. What will happen, people here are asking, if they now decide to get the best of both worlds and start drinking strong beer on a chaser?—China Mail Special.

## Mail Notices

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS  
On Monday, November 7, 1955, the delivery of mail will be suspended at G.P.O. Hongkong. On Tuesday, November 8, 1955, the delivery of mail will be suspended at G.P.O. Hongkong. On Wednesday, November 9, 1955, the delivery of mail will be suspended at G.P.O. Hongkong. On Thursday, November 10, 1955, the delivery of mail will be suspended at G.P.O. Hongkong. On Friday, November 11, 1955, the delivery of mail will be suspended at G.P.O. Hongkong.

There will be one delivery of mail on Saturday, November 12, 1955, at 10 a.m. and one on Sunday, November 13, 1955, at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1955  
Formosa, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.  
Hong Kong, 9 p.m.  
Japan, 10 p.m.  
Korea, 11 p.m.  
Siam, 12 p.m.

## San Miguel

...this situation calls for a San Miguel



## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Abadan Makes History Again

## MANY MILLION POUNDS' LOSS IN FIRST YEAR

Abadan, Nov. 1.

The Abadan refinery, the giant oil installation which flared into the headlines in 1951 when Persia forced out British oilmen under nationalisation laws, is again making history in the oil world.

In its first year of resumed operations under an oil pact signed in Teheran last August, the refinery has made a loss of many millions of pounds—certainly a record for the oil industry.

In spite of this the Western Consortium of British, United States, Dutch and French companies who are now operating Persia's oil industry regard their first year's operation as a great success.

Although the accounts may be in deficit the entry on the human relations side, and this is the crucial side to the story of oil in Persia, shows an enormous profit.

## No Doubts

On the purely technical side there was never any doubt that the Consortium, despite outmoded equipment here and a

large surplus labour force, would revive the industry and make it once more a highly profitable concern.

Any doubts which may have dogged the minds of Western negotiators when they signed the Teheran Oil pact last summer lay solely in the field of multi-national co-operation.

This was especially so in the Persian of 1954, still inflamed by the current of nationalism which swept the country under Dr. Mohammed Mossadeq, the Prime Minister who nationalised oil and kicked out the British.

Stocktaking after one year's resumed operations, Persians

and foreign oilmen can claim to have built up quietly and persistently a fabric of co-operation between five nations—in highly delicate circumstances—with complete success.

The actual anniversary date for Abadan is October 31. On this date last year, Doctor Ali Amiri, then Minister of Finance and the chief Persian oil negotiator, turned an oil cask on the jetty at Abadan and oil gushed into the hold of a British tanker for the first time since midsummer 1951.

## White Elephant

Abadan is not expected to break even on costs and income until the third year of operation, towards the end of 1957.

It may be regarded as the biggest white elephant in the oil industry. But under the terms of the 1954 agreement, the Consortium was obliged to promise to keep it going, and with it 30,000 workers formerly employed by the British Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (now the British Petroleum Company) who were dismissed in 1951.

Today, Abadan has a surplus labour force of at least 10,000 workers, mostly unskilled labourers, who must stay on the payroll until alternative employment with commensurate wage scales is found for them.

The Consortium's hands are tied. It could not dismiss these men even if it wanted to, without arousing national resentment and upsetting the oil pact.

Furthermore, much of the equipment at Abadan is out of date. It cannot compete with the scores of compact, new refineries which have sprung up in recent years in Britain, Europe and the United States, as well as in the regions dominated by oilmen as "East of Suez."

Even the £5,000,000 catalytic cracker, which literally cracks oil molecules under extreme pressure and transforms them into industrial fuels and which was installed in 1951 and never put into operation because of the nationalisation crisis, is now obsolete.

At present, Abadan is operating at one-third capacity. By 1957, the peak year for the initial stage of resumption, it will be operating at two-thirds capacity.

1955 total crude extraction—100,000 tons, of which 7,000 tons to be refined.

1956 total crude extraction—200,000 tons, of which 11,000 tons to be refined.

1957 total crude extraction—320,000 tons, of which 15,000 tons to be refined.

Comparison with 1950, the peak production year under the former Anglo-Iranian Company owners, shows that the figures there were:

32,000,000 total crude extracted, of which 25,000,000 tons were refined.

If a contract is drawn between the two peak refining figures—25,000,000 tons in 1950 against 15,000,000 tons projected for 1957—it is clearly seen how emphasis has swung from refined oil to crude oil needs throughout the world.

Abadan has become redundant because so many more efficient refineries have been constructed since World War II. This was an inevitable postwar trend which Persia's brusque nationalisation move helped to accelerate.

Among the workers, the resumption is popular because their wages were almost doubled last March and they now get staple foodstuffs rationed out at cheap prices. Their standard of living has improved.

More Than Cotton

Even an unskilled oil labourer gets 82 Riials (about 8 shillings) a day, which is four times as much as a skilled employee of the Iranian cotton mills run by Persian owners received. And working hours and conditions are incomparably better at Abadan than at Isfahan.

These high wages have caused discontent in rival industries who cannot offer the same level of pay. It is expected by the Ministry of Labour that the provision of uniform wage scales throughout the country, China Mail Special.

## AMERICAN BORROWING

Washington, Oct. 31. Americans borrowed \$500,000,000 more than they saved or invested in the second quarter of this year due chiefly to "exceedingly large sales" of autos bought on time payment, the Securities and Exchange Commission reported today.

It said consumer debt rose by a record \$2,200,000,000 during the April-June period and mortgage debt rose by \$3,200,000,000. During the same three months Americans saved or invested \$1,700,000,000.

Some administration officials have expressed concern over the amount of credit that has piled up during this year's big buying.—United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$750,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC 1000 1700 50 1700

INSURANCES

Union 100 150 100 150

Lombard 50 55

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## Japan Wants US Raw Cotton Prices Slashed

Tokyo, Nov. 1.

Pressure arose in cotton mills and among government officials on Saturday for a slash in government-supported US raw cotton prices.

Under the second surplus farm products purchasing agreement signed with the US, Japan must purchase 675,000 bales of US raw cotton on a commercial basis in order to receive 100,000 bales of surplus raw cotton.

The surplus cotton is purchased but Japan can pay for it over a period of 40 years and if it prefers in yen instead of valuable dollars.

The trouble is that US raw cotton prices which were in line with market prices one year ago when the agreement was signed are now out of line with the market according to officials of the Trade Ministry.

The drop is chiefly in the price of raw cotton from Mexico and Pakistan. Trade Ministry sources said good quality SM 15/16 US cotton was priced at 45.57 cents per pound on the New York Exchange this month, compared with 35.57 cents for Mexican cotton of the same quality, and lower quality middling of 15/16 inch from US was quoted at 36.22 cents to 31.39 cents for Pakistan cotton.

4-1 Ratio

Delivered in Japan the difference came to almost 24 dollars per bale of 500 lbs.

The result was that during the July-September quarter this year, the proportion of raw cotton purchased from Mexico to that from the US, Japan's traditional source, was 4 to 1.

The Japanese Government wants to keep up its agreement to purchase 675,000 bales but its stands to take a heavy loss because cotton mill operators who wield a heavy influence in Japan are opposed to it.

Industry leaders and officials here blame the US farm support programme for keeping prices high. If Japan buys at those levels they argue that they will not be able to export their finished goods.

There were predictions that the government would formally ask the US to reconsider its prices very soon.

It was said Japan would ask for a general slash in US cotton prices—both those sold on a commercial basis and under the surplus farm products programme.

At the same time it would ask for release of the surplus cotton immediately. Under the terms of the treaty Japan must purchase 675,000 bales commercially or guarantee to do so before receiving delivery of the 100,000 bales of surplus cotton.

Japan also was expected to make a request concerning 1,000,000 bales of raw cotton to be sold at near the market price.

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## Ford's Record Earnings

St. Louis, Nov. 1.

The Ford Motor Company's 1955 earnings before taxes are expected to surpass the total earnings for the entire 21 years before World War II, Board Chairman E. R. Borch disclosed tonight.

The company's earnings for the first nine months of this year, both before and after taxes, were greater than any total year's profit in the history of the company, he said.

Mr. Borch described the booming economy of Ford and the US as a whole in a speech at the 10th annual "century of commerce" dinner at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mr. Borch also said: "It is likely that within 10 years you will see gas turbine engines as standard equipment in automobiles." He also predicted the possibility of automobile tyres that will last 100,000 miles.—United Press.

Technical replacement buying helped bolster the forward delivery following the recent spell of weakness. But the optimism met scattered selling by traders anticipating a higher government crop estimate on Tuesday.

February estimates suggest a figure around 15,000,000 bales against the last government estimate of 13,920,000 bales.

Some traders thought the lack of testing orders on either side of the market made the list sensitive to small commitments either way while dealers pondered the political debate on the question of rigid vs. flexible price support for next year.

Nearly every support met increased offering above the 33.40 cent mark. At that level the spot market showed a recovery of \$1.00 from the recent low made on Oct. 3. Traders thought the rise to within nine points of the average government loan rate would attract more cotton for the certified stock.

The government weekly crop summary today said generally fair, dry weather permitted picking and ginning to make very good progress in nearly all areas of the main belt.

Trading volume and open interest in the Exchange today were:

Month Volume Open Interest

Nov. 41,900 559,700

Dec. 39,900 378,300

Jan. 29,700 248,100

Feb. 10,000 140,300

Mar. 21,700 140,300

Apr. 10,000 140,300

May 2,900 10,300

Total 173,500 1,932,700 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Nov. 34.00

Dec. 33.40

Jan. 32.80

Feb. 32.20

Mar. 31.60

Apr. 31.00

May 30.40

June 29.80

July 29.20

Aug. 28.60

Sept. 28.00

Oct. 27.40

Nov. 26.80

Dec. 26.20

Jan. 25.60

Feb. 25.00

Mar. 24.40

Apr. 23.80

May 23.20

June 22.60

July 22.00

Aug. 21.40

Sept. 20.80

Oct. 20.20

Nov. 19.60

Dec. 19.00

Jan. 18.40

Feb. 17.80

Mar. 17.20

Apr. 16.60

May 16.00

June 15.40

July 14.80

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Sept. 13.60

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The Record  
By John Bell

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## Robbed By Gang Says Schoolboy

A 16-year-old schoolboy testified at the Criminal Sessions this morning that a gang of four young men approached him on his way to school, accused him of having taken out the sister of one of them, and then robbed him of money and a wrist watch.

He added that he later identified two of the gang in a dance hall.

On trial for robbery with aggravation before Mr Justice J. R. Greig, the schoolboy, 16, of 20, Wai Wan-chi, alias Luk Chau, 20, Lee Tak, alias Ng Tak-chung, 21, and Chan Shui-chung, alias Chung Chan, 21.

The second accused, Nip, is represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter.

Crown Counsel, Mr G. H. Smith is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. W. Watson.

In his opening Mr Smith defined robbery with aggravation to the jury and outlined the robbery which he said took place in Cox's Path on June 22 near lunch-time.

As to the arrest of the four accused, Mr Smith said that the victim, Cheung Pak-het, was taken by the Police to the So Shing Dance Hall in Nathan Road the same evening and he picked the first and second accused. The Police found a wallet on the first accused and a comb in a sheath on the second accused. The third accused was picked up in Ashley Road and the fourth accused in

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## GOVERNOR OPENS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS EXHIBITION

An exhibition illustrating the activities of more than 50 Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Hongkong was opened in Wanchai this morning by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The exhibition, organised by the youth welfare section of the Government Social Welfare Office, is being held for three days at the War Memorial Welfare Centre in the Southern Playground. It is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. daily.

In his address, His Excellency the Governor praised the work of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association in bringing happiness to the lives of underprivileged children in the Colony. He said that in carrying out their task the Association had also succeeded in their secondary object of inculcating in the children the basic qualities of good citizenship.

Miss Sek Yee-kit, member of the Shaikwan Mixed Club, speaking on behalf of the 4,000 members of the Colony's Boys' and Girls' Clubs, extended a warm welcome to His Excellency and Lady Grantham and all guests for their presence at the opening ceremony.

The Rev Fr P. J. Howatson, SJ, Chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, said the exhibition was to show what are in fact normal club activities.

**Guests Welcomed**

In a speech of welcome, Miss Sek Yee-kit said: "On behalf of the four thousand members of Hongkong's Boys' & Girls' Clubs, I extend to Your Excellency, Lady Grantham and our other distinguished guests a very warm welcome to be with us a little longer. We wish you both a very happy extended stay in Hongkong."

"Your Excellency, we rejoice at the good news of the extension of your term of office and we are extremely glad you and Lady Grantham will be with us a little longer. We wish you both a very happy extended stay in Hongkong."

"I hope the Exhibition will give you all an idea of some of the activities we carry out in our clubs—our achievements are by no means perfect but we consider it more important to enjoy doing the things we learn. Today you will see some of the fruits of what has been taught us."

"Our club leaders are very ordinary people like ourselves but they are also extraordinary for they have endless patience and they encourage of themselves all the time. I take this opportunity of saying a very sincere 'thank you' to each one of them for their loving care for us—they mean more than just a leader to us—in fact they are very much our elder brother or elder sister."

"Finally, we sincerely hope that our guests will enjoy the Exhibition—we have enjoyed putting it on for you and for our other visitors—thank you once again for coming this morning."

**"Clubs In Action"**

Fr Howatson, SJ, said: "You have just been welcomed by a young lady who acted as spokesman for all the club children of Hongkong. Your Excellency, they express joy that your term of office has been extended and that you and Lady Grantham will be with us a little longer. They hope that the exhibition will give all of you an idea of some of the activities which are a part of their regular club programme and that you will enjoy seeing it as much as they have in preparing it."

"The idea of the exhibition is to show you what are in fact normal club activities. Here in the stadium you will see a PT class, games, dancing, Scouts, Cubes, Guides and Brownies on parade and at play. You will hear the children sing and play on their flutes and mouth organs. In the club rooms they will demonstrate their skill at weaving, sewing, rattan work, painting, puppetry. You will inspect an exhibition of finished handicrafts done by children in over fifty clubs during the past few months."

"The exhibition is a demonstration of 'clubs in action'. You may not find that accuracy, precision and perfection which are the fruits of hard training for a public performance because you are seeing the children as they really are in their clubs. I hope you will find the real fruit produced by these activities."

**Pedestrian Injured**  
A collision between an elderly pedestrian and a tram occurred yesterday afternoon near the Rixy theatre. The pedestrian, a Chinese man, was injured and taken to hospital.

## SUPPORT FOR RICE MONOPOLY PETITION

**SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith**



"I'm so happy now that I've finally found something to do—I'm fixing lunch for the maid!"

## Today's Evidence In Conspiracy Trial

Evidence of the making out of a cheque for \$918 for the first accused was given by a former business partner of his at the trial of two men accused of conspiracy to defraud before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The accused are Cheung Kam-chiu, a medicine dealer, and Tuet Cho-leung, a printing broker.

They are charged with conspiring between March 1 and July 5 this year, together with others not in custody, to defraud certain persons by pretending to be a business partner of a partner of theirs, and to cause the loss of money to the latter.

In addition, second accused is charged with two counts of causing trade marks to be forged.

Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr D. Sze, of Bruton and Co., is defending Cheung. Second accused is not represented by counsel. Mr D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel is prosecuting.

The witness this morning was Poon Kam-wah, managing partner of the Kwong Hing Cheong Trading Co., Chinese medicine dealer, of 74 Bonham Street, ground floor.

**PARTNERSHIP**

Poon said he knew first accused for four or five years. He had been buying Western medicine from first accused since 1948. Cheung came to see him at his shop in Bonham Street West and suggested that he invest money in a partnership between the two of them.

The business would be started by the name 'Kwong Hing Cheong Medical Store' and they would export Western drugs. It was agreed that the business be carried out from a desk in the cockpit of the ground floor of 74 Bonham Street West.

It was further agreed that first accused should manage the firm. It was accordingly registered under the Business Registration Ordinance. A partnership contract was prepared. A copy of that document was produced in Court.

Nearly 100 organisations have replied to the Civic Association indicating their support of the Association's petition to His Excellency the Governor to have the present monopoly system of rice importation abolished and to throw the rice trade open to all merchants who wish to engage in it.

Some of the larger organisations supporting the petition are the HK and Kowloon Residents Association, the Nim Pak Hong Association, the International Christian Leadership (Hongkong), the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce. It was also learned that the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has written to the Commerce and Industry Department indicating support of the views expressed in the Civic Association's petition.

**AMALGAMATION**

A spokesman for the Civic Association Executive Committee said this morning that he hoped other organisations would write in to the Civic Association giving their support to the petition.

The Rev. Bro. Cassian, Chairman of the Civic Association, has written to the newly formed Hongkong & Kowloon Rice Trade General Association congratulating them on the amalgamation of the former three rice retailers' associations. He expressed the hope that the establishment of this new body would be of even greater service to its members, and would without doubt strive to serve the best interests of the public in the distribution of rice at lowest cost.

**MURDER TRIAL**

**Woman Witness Cross-Examined**

So Ling, a woman witness who testified in the case against 46-year-old unemployed Poon Shing, charged with murder, was cross-examined by Defence Counsel when hearing was resumed before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Poon is alleged to have hacked a 35-year-old woman to death with an axe on the hill side of Ngau Tan Mei, Ping Shan, on the night of July 24. He is represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr W.J. Dyer, of Messrs Deacons.

Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

Cross-examination, So said when she last saw the deceased on the day of her death, she had familiarised herself with the deceased's articles.

**SHOWN PURSE**

She said when the deceased opened her plastic bag and took out a cigarette, she noticed a small black "cat" purse and she said she had seen the purse in the deceased's article.

Further questioned, witness said she knew at that time that the bag was open but she did not know when it was opened. She agreed she had said during committal proceedings that she saw the deceased open the bag.

She said she had seen the deceased take her raincoat out of the plastic bag and when the woman later left with two or three customers without the raincoat, witness presumed that the deceased must have put the coat back into the bag.

In answer to the Court, Mr Chen said he was endeavouring to show whether the witness was a reliable witness or not. Hearing is continuing.

**Remembrance Sunday Address**

It is officially stated that the address at the special Remembrance Sunday service at St John's Cathedral will be given by the Rev. (Lt. Col.) C. J. Stubbs-Bennett, C.F., Deputy Assistant Chaplain General, HM Forces and not by Lt. Col. F. E. Jowett, Officer Commanding the Salvation Army as announced in this morning's papers.

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